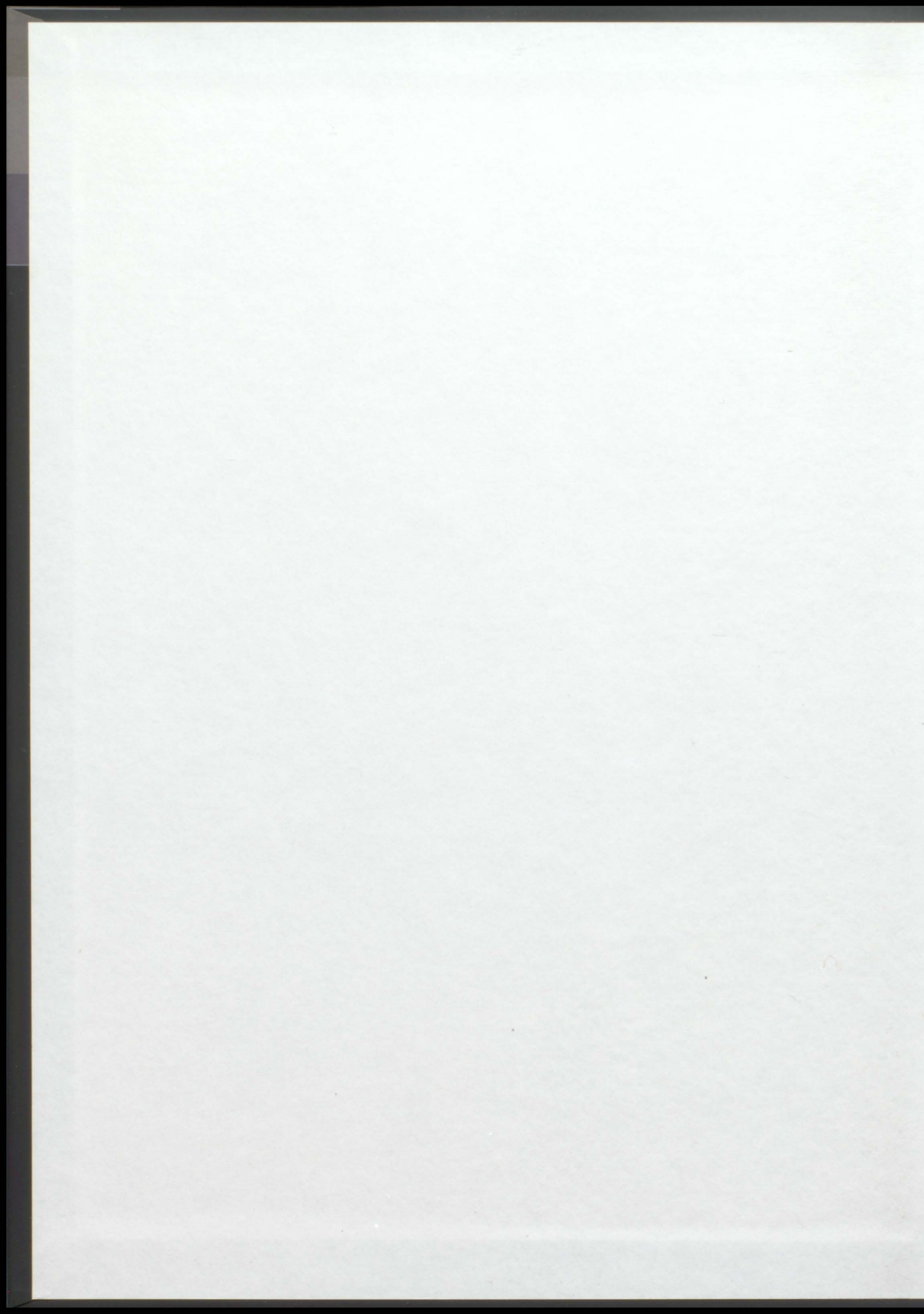
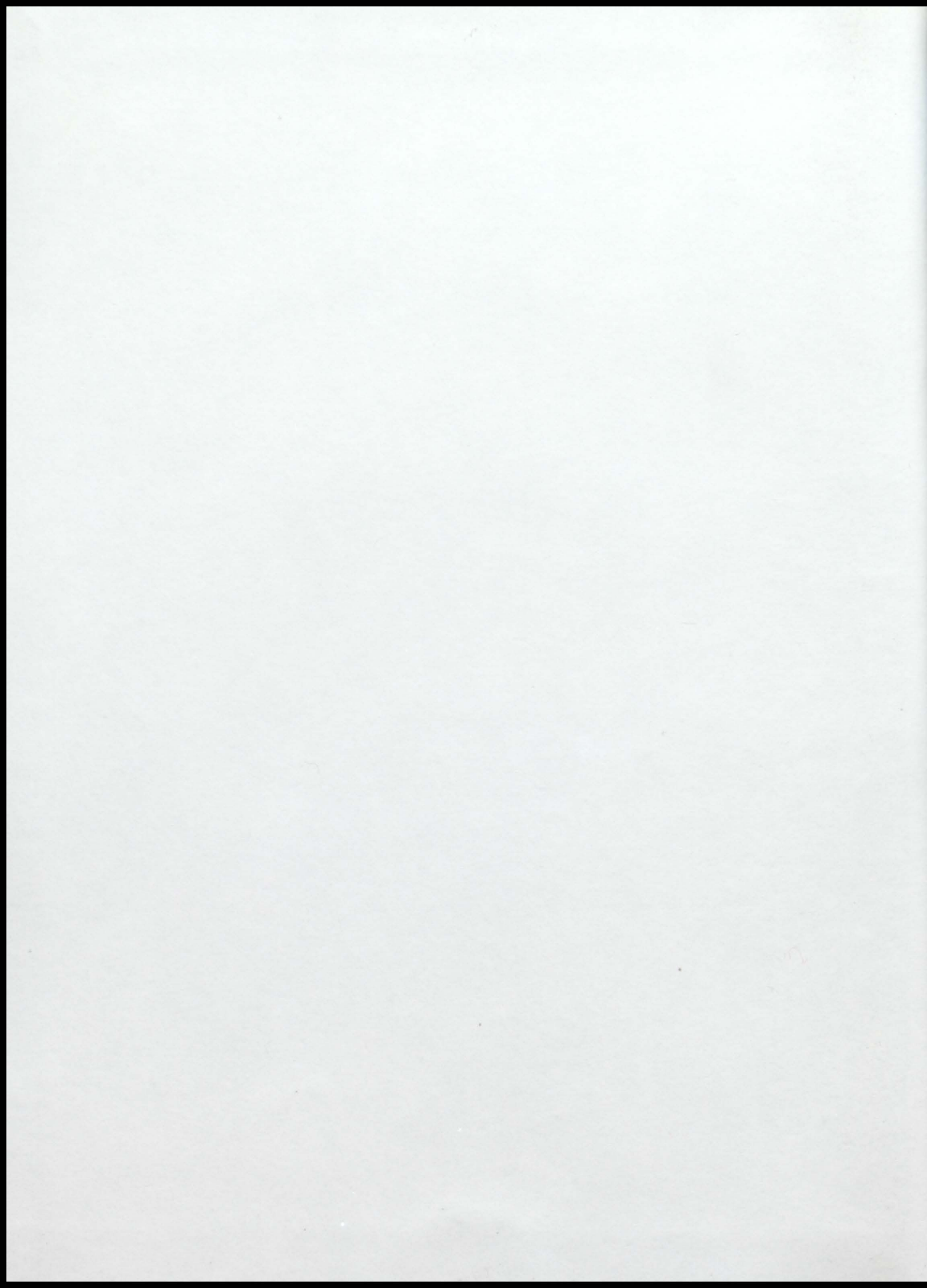




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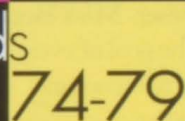


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Now In Technicolor

Full-color yearbook vividly preserves memories

"A picture's worth a thousand words, but you can't see what those shades of gray keep covered. You should have seen it in color." Jamey Johnson's country smash hit "In Color" evokes many memories from its audience: memories of childhood, luminous summer afternoons, and loved ones lost. Memories are powerful agents, and no picture can ever match the raw intensity of emotion memories bring forth. However, a clear picture can give insight into situations and help experience a shred of the emotion generated by the memory.

In 2011, the Nebraska Christian yearbook staff took a monumental step in the recording of memories. For the first time in the history of the yearbook program at Nebraska Christian, the *Reflector* would be presented in full color. 2011 marked a great milestone for the yearbook program. "Having a full color yearbook has enabled us to give a clearer picture of the year's events," remarked yearbook adviser **Miss Becky Ritta**.

The goal of every yearbook staff is to capture and preserve memories so they can be viewed in the future. A book can never

compete with being there in person, but now instead of seeing in black, white, and gray, future readers will look at pictures the way students there at the time saw them: in brilliant shades of color.

The '11-'12 school year's events, days, classes, and characters certainly popped out of the ordinary humdrum pattern of daily life, much like a stunning photograph leaps off the page in a book. **Kemery Myers (11)** said, "We had some real characters this year; it definitely made the year more fun." In that way, the school year, not just the book, was in color. Individuals were the array of colors splashed onto the white sheet that was the new year. The new students mixed with the old and created not only a new student body, but also a whole new campus: a campus vibrant, dynamic, and passionate about life. Those who weren't there can't understand or live it vicariously. But now they can see it clearer, in detail.

"A picture's worth a thousand words, but you can't see what those shades of gray keep colored, you should of have seen it in color." Technicolor, that is.

-**Seth Bailey (12)**



Carefully adjusting a triple beam balance, **Tori Swanson (11)** and **Sophia Zhang (11)** weigh a "mystery element." Students loved doing labs and actively putting science into practice.



Cruella de Vil [aka **Cassidy Ostrand (8)**] grabs books out of her locker and hustles to her next class during homecoming week. The staff members voted Ostrand best dressed on Disney day.



Ethan DeBoer, **Ryan Dexter (5)**, and **Tyler Cumpston (2)** cheer on the Eagles during the football playoff game vs. Randolph. Fans embraced the chance to support the Eagles in their first playoff appearance since 2006.



Levi Landrigan (12) sneaks up on an unsuspecting Jessica Kim (12) to grab her clothes pin while Cody Smith (12) looks on. Students enjoyed frolicking playing clothes pin tag at Spiritual Emphasis Day.



Janet Song (12) and Mr. Josh Cumpston laugh as they watch "Interplanet Janet," an old Schoolhouse Rock video. Song commented, "Mr. Cumpston always makes fun of me by calling me 'interplanet,' but it was pretty funny."



Carefully cutting a piece of pipe with a saw, Andrew Swanson (12) works on his shop project. The shop program received an overhaul thanks to a new shop teacher, Mr. David Gee, and new class curriculum.



Green (adj.): balance,
harmony, stability

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Maintaining Harmony

Students focus on school unity

As the new school year begins, each grade faces the obstacle of redeveloping class harmony. As the year progresses, students learn the strengths and weaknesses of their classmates and work to complement each other. Though a variety of nationalities are found on the campus—Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Thai, Japanese, American—everyone is treated the same. **Whitney Twogood (10)** commented, "At our school, the ethnics and cultures are so diverse and mixed together that you don't even notice anymore. People are people here, and sometimes I forget that we even come from different parts of the world."

"Matthew 7:12 (NKJV) says, 'Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.' John 15:12 (NKJV) adds to this, saying, 'This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you.'" **Andrew Swanson (12)** said, "We all need to remember that we are the body of Christ, so we should treat others with dignity and respect, and love them even if we don't like them." **Joey Sun (12)** added, "As challenging as cohabiting with others can be, living in the dorm, however, is quite interesting, as people of other countries and traditions interact with each other and find balance in the process." The 2011-2012 student body strove to love and respect one another and show God's love through their actions. As long as students kept this goal in mind, the classes remained in harmony through Christ.

—**Bekah Mead (11)**



During the hamburger fundraiser, **Shelisa Boutin (12)** collects money from **McKenzie Schweitzer (3)**. Throughout the fall, the senior class held several fundraisers such as a hamburger feed and soup supper to raise money for their senior trip.

Sophia Songthangtham (10) and **Zach Brock (9)** serve coffee to their table at the Harvest Festival. The event is a chance for students and staff to express their thanks to Nebraska Christian's supporters.

Rachel Whittle (10) stuffs a spoonful of ice cream into the unsuspecting mouth of **Hannah Myers (10)**. The student council surprised the student body with delicious ice cream at the end of a long day of school.

Jahn Landrigan (11), **Brandon Brock (10)**, and **Jerod Prettyman (9)** slingshot a tennis ball into the air, trying to land it in their team's rainbow tarp. Students were able to relax while playing challenging games after sitting all morning at Spiritual Emphasis Day.

Seniors

The Senior Class. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Sebastian Chang (12). Row 2: Jessica Kim (12), Jane Seok (12), Mina Kim (12), Eunice Songthangtham (12). Row 3: Jim Tao (12), Tym Whisenand (12), Isaac Elge (12), Andrew Swanson (12), Joey Sun (12), Savannah Clapper (12), Joanna Stuhmer (12), Janet Song (12). Row 4: Jacob Simmons (12), Levi Landrigan (12), Jonny Smith (12), Cody Smith (12), Hannah Rogers (12), Jessica Davis (12), Shelisa Boutin (12), Soonchan Jung (12), Jerry Vuong (12), Kameron Kaelin (12), Seth Bailey (12), Jay Han (12), Wai Ng (12), Dat Nguyen (12). Not pictured: Luke Woods (12).



Joining Forces

From Yoda to unity

Assigning different mythical, comical, and fictional characters to class members for the class history portion of Senior Night is no stranger to anyone who has been around Nebraska Christian very long. It not only serves as a method of tying the class history together, but also elicits laughter from the crowd when people get assigned unfitting characters. Indeed, four years of high school bear lots of similarities to traditional hero-heroine-saving-the-day-type stories. May the heroes or heroines be Luke Skywalker, Snow White, Wolverine, Pocahontas, or Yoda, the plots are nevertheless similar. In those stories, heroes and heroines go through different trials and temptations, while joining forces with other heroes and heroines as their journeys go on, and they receive help from a special mentor. As their journeys come to a eventual conclusion, they gain whatever treasures, lessons of virtue or nobility, or even a title they've fought for. In high school, students go to school to face academic challenges and occasionally relational problems, while getting aid from their classmates and guidance from teachers and God. When four years end, they receive a proof of their lessons learned in the form of a diploma. However, the only difference is that at the end of the story, the bonds formed between students and other heroes and heroines do not go away. As **Janet Song (12)** put it, "The friends I made and memories shared throughout high school will always be the best part of it for me and will always stick with me." Agreeing with Song, **Andrew Swanson (12)** said, "These past couple years have been really awesome because we grew extremely close as a class." The yearbook speaks the tale of our high school years as storybooks tell the legends of other heroes and heroines. However, that will not be the only way our high school years live on, it will be in our memories. At the end of the day, with friendships and memories earned, the heroes and heroines in the tale of the class of 2012 may finally live happily ever after.

-Joey Sun (12)

Seth Robert Bailey

Years at NC: 6
Hometown: *Grand Island*
Favorite Verse: *Luke 9:62*
Pet Peeve: *People who can't take a joke!*



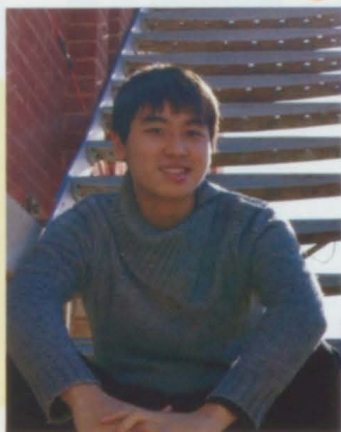
Shelisa Lee Boutin

Years at NC: 6
Hometown: *Blue Hill/Central City*
Favorite Verse: *Ephesians 6:10-13*
Pet Peeve: *When people tell me irrelevant, worthless to life information that I never needed to know; cats.*



Se-chan (Sebastian) Chang

Years at NC: 1
Hometown: *Seoul, Korea*
Favorite Verse: *Matthew 7:13-14*
Pet Peeve: *The long walk to DQ.*



Savannah Lorelle Clapper

Years at NC: 1
Hometown: *Ainsworth*
Favorite Verse: *Luke 12:34*
Pet Peeve: *When guys tell me, "Go make me a sandwich!"*



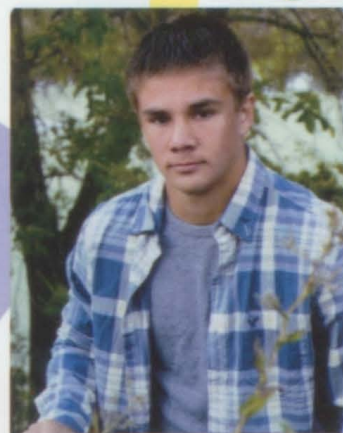
Jessica Kathryn Davis

Years at NC: 6
Hometown: *Central City*
Favorite Verse: *Luke 9:62*
Pet Peeve: *When my closet isn't color coordinated, or when papers aren't neat and tidy, or when a picture isn't perfectly centered.*



Isaac Lee Elge

Years at NC: 10
Hometown: *Aurora*
Favorite Verse: *Psalms 144:1-2*
Pet Peeve: *Doing nothing in 9th hour study hall; the sopranos in choir.*



Hyang Eun (Jessica) Kim



Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Cheong-Ju, South Korea
Favorite Bible book: James
Pet Peeve: Big dogs, mosquitoes, smelly feet

Jewon (Jay) Han



Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Daejeon, South Korea
Favorite Verse: John 12:26
Pet Peeve: My roommate's snores.

Mina Kim



Years at NC: 2
Hometown: Seoul, Korea
Favorite Verse: Ephesians 4:31
Pet Peeve: Noise after midnight, cold water in the middle of the shower, slow internet, and flipped inside out hoods on sweatshirts!

Soonchan Jung



Years at NC: 2
Hometown: Daegu, Korea
Favorite Verse: Romans 8:18
Pet Peeve: Lights out time at 10:30 everyday.

Levi Robert Landrigan



Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Broken Bow
Favorite Verse: Romans 5:8
Pet Peeve: Assumptions and gossips.

Kameron James Kaelin



Years at NC: 3
Hometown: La Vista
Favorite Verse: Romans 1:16
Pet Peeve: The horrible shhhing sound and people who try to act "cool."

Chit Wai Ng

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Hong Kong
Favorite Verse: Psalm 146:1
Pet Peeve: Underclassmen



Dat Bui Chanh Nguyen

Years at NC: 1
Hometown: Nha Trang, Vietnam
Favorite Verse: Philippians 1:21
Pet Peeve: People who support Miami Heat.



Hannah Allyen Rogers

Years at NC: 2
Hometown: Sutton
Favorite Verse: 2 Corinthians 12:9
Pet Peeve: "Judges ready?" at speech meets.



Jin (Jane) Seok

Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Seoul, South Korea
Favorite Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:7
Pet Peeve: Cats and whining.



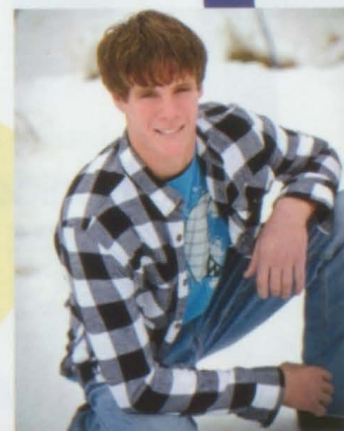
Jacob Ethan Simmons

Year at NC: 13
Hometown: Central City
Favorite Verse: Mark 3:28
Pet Peeve: People that sugar coat it.



Cody Michael Smith

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Grafton
Favorite Verse: Galatians 2:20
Pet Peeve: Being interrupted, waking up at 6 every morning for school, being called Jonny.

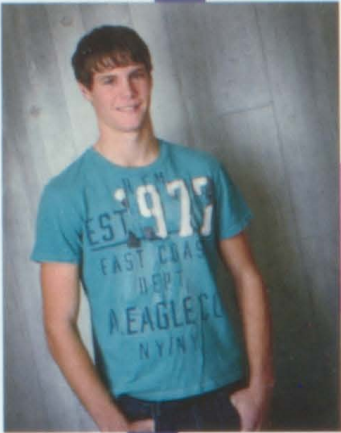


Joanna Alice Stuhmer



Years at NC: 13
Hometown: Central City
Favorite Verse: John 15:5
Pet Peeve: When someone is wearing the same outfit as me.

Jonathan Caleb Smith



Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Grafton
Favorite Verse: Philippians 4:13
Pet Peeve: People who take all the food at lunch and leave none for the last few people.

Peizhao (Joey) Sun



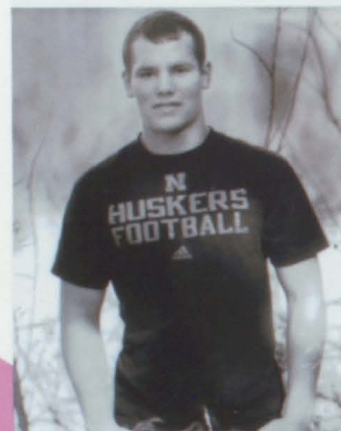
Years at NC: 3-1/2
Hometown: Shenzhen, Guangdong, China
Favorite Verse: 1 John 2:15-17
Pet Peeve: People who fake emotions by screaming and crying during speech.

Yuying (Janet) Song



Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Urumqi, Xinjiang, China
Favorite Verse: John 14:6
Pet Peeve: When people sit on my bed.

Andrew Chase Swanson



Years at NC: 6
Hometown: Aurora
Favorite Verse: 1 Corinthians 2:9-10
Pet Peeve: People who epitomize their own pet peeves.

Nattinat (Eunice) Songthangtham



Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Bangkok, Thailand
Favorite Verse: Psalm 3:3-4
Pet Peeve: Unreadable handwriting, doors that are not completely closed and slow-walking people.

Tymothy William Whisenand

Years at NC: 2-1/2
Hometown: Central City
Favorite Verse: Isaiah 41:10
Pet Peeve: Apple products,
people who have a "touchy"
personality that invades
personal space.



Jun (Jim) Tao

Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Nan Chang,
China
Favorite Verse:
Deuteronomy 31:6
Pet Peeve: The sound of
sharp things scratching glass
windows



Luke Daniel Woods

Years at NC: 6-3/4
Hometown: Houston, Texas



Anh Quoc (Jerry) Vuong

Years at NC: 1
Hometown: Hai Phong,
Vietnam
Favorite Verse:
Matthew 7:24



Class Verse

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee;
yea, I will help thee: yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Isaiah 41:10

Class Motto

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." Corrie ten Boom

Class Flower

Purple Gerbera Daisy

Class Colors

Purple and Silver

Business Education

Juniors learn the value of hard work

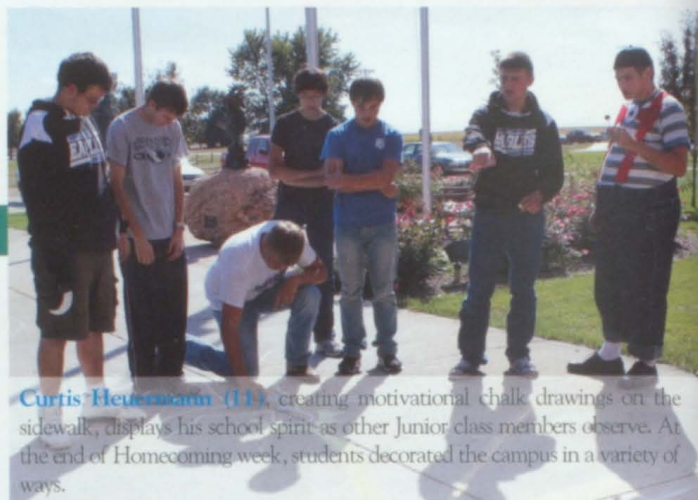
Ah, junior year: The time in a student's life where they earned money and learned things that were beneficial to their future. In the 11th grade, students began to learn business techniques through running the concessions stand. There were a lot of expectations placed on the Juniors. **Braden Moody (11)**, the secretary of the class, was responsible for assigning people when to work for the concessions. Moody said, "Concessions this year has been a good learning tool. For me, it has taught some people management techniques and also a great deal of patience. Overall, concessions have had its high points and its low points, but I have enjoyed it all the same." But why is the Junior class even assigned the task of running the stand? A main reason was for learning. Moody said, "For the class, I believe it has taught some degree of

work ethic and getting along with other people who you might not interact with during the day." Along with learning how to work with others, the main reason was to raise money for their senior trip. Despite how tedious the work may have been, it was essential to earn this money, and it served as a good motivation to work hard. **Chloe Bauer (11)** said, "Concessions is a great opportunity to serve others and to get to know the people you work with." God calls us as Christians to work to the best of our abilities, for His glory. Colossians 3: 23-24 says, "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ."

-**Tori Swanson (11) & Bekah Mead (11)**



Concentrating on his shop project, **Jacob Winstermann (11)** uses a hammer to open up a hole in the wood while **Curtis Heuermann (11)** watches. Many juniors enjoyed taking industrial technology classes.



Curtis Heuermann (11), creating motivational chalk drawings on the sidewalk, displays his school spirit as other Junior class members observe. At the end of Homecoming week, students decorated the campus in a variety of ways.



Working as part of her Junior duty, **Yana Yoo (11)** hands change to a customer. Concessions helped Juniors to learn how to count change properly and enhance their business skills.



Anthony Fach (11) nimbly dashes away from other students who are trying to steal his clothespins. Clothespin tag was a fun, traditional activity played at the fall Spiritual Emphasis Day.

Favorite Candy?

● 100 Grand, because of its chocolatey, caramely goodness!

● Kit Kat, because it makes a

● I like Twix, because the caramel is very sweet!

Heidi Hoffman (11)

Neil Lin (11)

Ency Chen (11)



Shanna Bailey
Chloe Bauer
Carrie Beck
Kyle Bui
Ency Chen



Tanner Cooper
Kim Deichmann
Mia Dinh
Anthony Fach
Alex Frederick



Katie Griess
Curtis Heuermann
Jeff Hilderbrand
Heidi Hofmann
Matt Kim



Anna Kirby
Jahn Landrigan
James Lee
Miko Li
Neil Lin



Ashley Mazankowski
Bekah Mead
Braden Moody
Kemery Myers
Lindsey Ngo



Evan Peterson
Shawna Ritta
Derek Rose
James Royle
Tori Swanson



Jae Welk
Katherine Welk
Jacob Winsterman
Yena Yoo
Vicky Zhang



Sophia Zhang

Seniors

Maintaining Harmony

Class unity sets example for underclassmen

Three types of classes exist: Ones that are characterized by enmity and division, ones that are simply indifferent to each other, and ones that are bonded closely and hardly experience any strife. The latter describes the class of 2014 precisely. **Whitney Twogood (10)** definitely agrees with this description. "Our class gets along so well! There is almost no drama, and no fights. We all cooperate together really well," she said.

During Homecoming week, the sophomores received a challenge to display their class unity. Each class was assigned a Disney movie to dress up as, such as *Beauty and the Beast*, *101 Dalmatians*, *Alice in Wonderland*, and *Pocahontas*. The sophomores received the movie *Peter Pan*. Banding together, the class quickly went to work, allotting parts to each and every student, making sure no one was left out. That Thursday, the whole class was decked out in *Peter Pan* costumes galore.

From sweet, innocent Wendy, to the infamous Captain Hook, deerskin-clad Indians, and the poor Lost Boys, it was as if the movie came to life in the school. **Tim Fread (10)** said, "Dressing up as Captain Hook was fulfilling because I got to display my school spirit in an unordinary fashion." Along with being very unified, the class wasn't afraid of other people's opinions. "We don't care about what other people think of us. We just like to have fun! We are all like one big, happy family!" said **Rachel McHargue (10)**.

But the class isn't perfect. Not everyone is going to get along all the time. Though little disputes sprouted up, the class knew how to work through them and restore peace. Although there was no specific leader of the class, the sophomores still worked together well. Hopefully the class will keep up the dynamic and maintain harmony throughout high school.

-Tori Swanson (11)



Michaela Church (10) buries her face into **Talia Murphy's (10)** bowl of ice cream. "I was just enjoying my delicious ice cream, when Michaela all of a sudden shoved her face in it, but it was okay. It was funny," said Murphy.



Kevin Cheng (10) soulfully plays a tune on the piano at the Festival of Lessons and Carols. In addition to singing in the main choir, select students could perform a piece on the piano as a prelude to the program.



Victoria Boersen (10) dodges attacks from other students in an attempt to preserve the clothespin on her shoulder. Spiritual Emphasis Day was a great opportunity for school bonding through fun and games like clothespin tag.

What's your favorite Disney movie?

● I like *101 Dalmatians*. As a little kid, I enjoyed watching the TV show!

-Scott Smith (10)

● The *Lion King* because it is so cute and has very catchy songs!

-Cailyn Ostrand (10)

● I love *Cinderella*. When I was little, I watched it over and over again and didn't watch anything else.

-Dana Poppe (10)



Victoria Boersen
Shyler Boutin
Brandon Brock
Natalie Bui
Kevin Cheng

Michaela Church
Hans Epp
April Faeh
Beran Fisher
Tonye Fisher

Zoe Flynn
Timothy Fread
Katzia Guerrero
Ichiro Hokazono
Jack Hu

Chase Kvols
Rachel McHargue
Xiaofan Meng
Jade Mieth
Talia Murphy

Hannah Myers
Cailyn Ostrand
Dana Poppe
Scott Smith
Tim Smith

Sophia Songthangtham
Whitney Twogood
Destiny Weichmann
Rachel Whittle
Rae Zhong



- For Homecoming week, the sophomores dressed up as characters from Peter Pan. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Whitney Twogood, Victoria Boersen, Talia Murphy, Rachel Whittle, Cailyn Ostrand, Scott Smith, Tim Smith, Hans Epp, Beran Fisher. Row 2: Hannah Myers, Dana Poppe, Katzia Guerrero, Tonye Fisher, Destiny Weichmann, Jade Mieth, Jack Hu, Tim Fread, Shyler Boutin. Row 3: Zoe Flynn, Sophia Songthangtham, April Faeh, Michaela Church, Natalie Bui, Rachel McHargue, Rae Zhong, Brandon Brock, Chase Kvols.

Sophomores

Up From Under

Freshmen rise to the challenge of high school

Freshman year: new faces, new classes, and new teachers. The one thing that never changes is the ever-prolonging phrase that has rung out the mouths of the upperclassmen and through the ears of those green youth: "They are just dumb freshmen." To get through the year, **Amber Mazankowski (9)** said, "We just go with it," and go with it they did. They pushed themselves, trying to prove to the upperclassmen that they weren't just stupid freshmen but had great potential and much to offer the student body through their enthusiasm. The freshmen brought high amounts of energy that never seemed to die or even skip a beat. **Ethan Unruh (9)**, one of the most energetic freshmen, said, "I try and

make the day more interesting for others by just being myself." They tried to put that energy to good use by participating in varsity sports and other extracurricular activities.

If the freshmen could relay one message to the upperclassmen, it would be the words of 1 Timothy 4:12 (NKJV): "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." **Adrian Epp (9)** stated, "The upperclassman's mindset should not be to constantly tear down the underclassmen by criticism, but to be an example so that we can learn to be examples to those who will be under us when we become the upperclassmen."

-Bekah Mead (11)



CJ Ruybalid (9) and **Ethan Unruh (9)** play their trumpets during the warm-up for the evening football game. Many freshmen participated in the band this year, adding to its triumphant sound.



Carefully handing off the plunger to **Jared Pettigrew (9)**, **Matthew Swanson (9)** attempts to maintain balance. Following the Spiritual Emphasis Day messages, students split into groups for an afternoon of team-building activities.



Taylor Van Pelt (9) helps decorate her class's assigned banner for homecoming week. Decorating the gym was a fun way that students got to express themselves while displaying their school spirit.



Lydia Johnson (9) and **Malia Rogers (9)** help themselves to a bowl of ice cream. This delicious treat was provided to the entire student body by the Student Council.

Words To Live By

- If someone is laughing, laugh with them because it's polite!
- Don't ever let **Mr. Falk** sing to you during class.
- Set goals and achieve them.

Malia Rogers (9)

Amber Mazankowski (9)

Matthew Swanson (9)



Turner Bowman
Zach Brock
Katie Burdett
Victoria Calero
Shayleigh Cooper



Samuel Davis
Warren Dexter
Meagen Dittmer
Levi Elge
Adrian Epp



Jayden Epp
Nala Squally Gomez
Lydia Johnson
Maddie Kirby
Amber Mazankowski



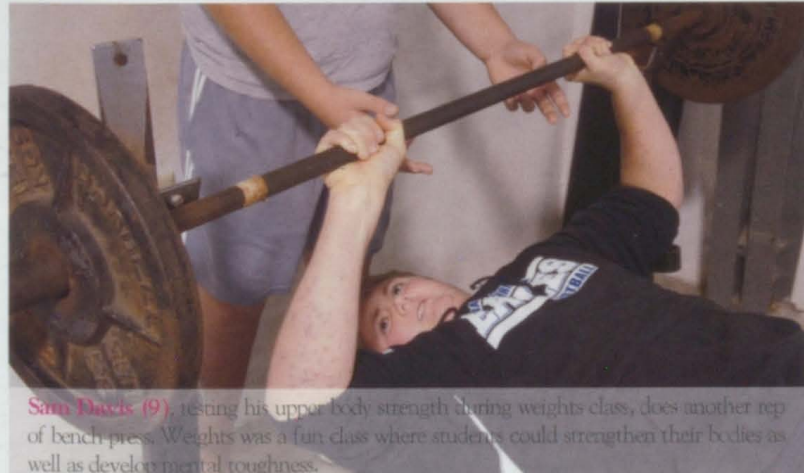
Hannah Mead
Jerod Prettyman
Brittany Ritta
Hannah Ritta
Malia Rogers



CJ Ruybalid
Andrew Sack
Emily Simmons
Elizabeth Smith
Matthew Swanson



Taylor Swantek
Jerron Tiemeyer
Ethan Unruh
Taylor Van Pelt
Miles Wheeler



Sam Davis (9), testing his upper body strength during weights class, does another rep of bench press. Weights was a fun class where students could strengthen their bodies as well as develop mental toughness.



Dusty Whisenand

Freshmen

Sampling Life

Junior high offers test run before high school

With newfound excitement and expectations, the 7th and 8th grade year was full of experimentation and trial and error. The students used these years to figure out what subjects and sports they would possibly be interested in during high school. One way that students broadened their horizons was by taking a few required vocational classes. In 2011-2012, all of the junior high students were required to take shop class. In the first semester, the seventh grade took manufacturing, and during the second semester the eighth grade learned about robotics. **Sharina Boutin (8)** said, "Even though I didn't particularly like shop class, I did enjoy hearing Mr. Gee's humorous remarks."

The required classes were a great way to get junior high students to reach out and try new things that they may have never even considered before. The 7th and 8th grade years were also a good time for students to learn how to prioritize their time and practice study habits. Since junior

high grades were not written down on transcripts that future college admissions offers would see, and the junior high GPA didn't follow students into high school, some of the pressure to excel was lessened. **Juan Lasso (7)** said, "Having junior high grades not on your permanent record is a great way to help prepare for high school grades, so that you will be able to attend a good college in the future." This factor was extremely beneficial to the students, especially those who took a longer time to make the adjustment from elementary.

Colossians 3:17 (NKJV) says, "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Even though some of the junior highers may not have been extremely thrilled at having to participate in some of their required classes, they put their best effort into all that they did, working heartily as unto the Lord.

-**Bekah Mead (11)**



MaKenna Bolanos (7), Sarah Sorensen (7), and Hailee Broman (7) talk amongst themselves while enjoying some delicious ice cream. The student council provided this tasty event towards the end of the school day.



Juan Lasso (7) rolls a pool ball down the carpet runway in an attempt to hit the opposing students' pool balls into the goal. Carpet ball was a fun game that many students chose to occupy their free time with at Spiritual Emphasis Day.



Alexis Hower (8) intensely watches her music as she waits for her cue from Mr. Eric Knapp. A select few of the NC students were able to participate not only in singing at the Festival of Lessons and Carols, but also in the orchestra.

Who is your role model?

● My mom because she is a good example to me and gives me great advice.

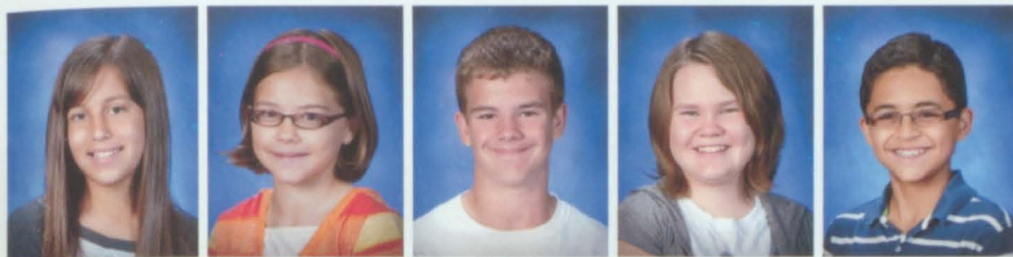
-**Hailee Broman (7)**

● Chuck Norris because he is Chuck Norris. There is no reason; he just is.

-**Andrew Winsterman (7)**

● **Mr. Carl Ostrand** because he is a very godly man who sets examples for us daily.

-**Cassidy Ostrand (8)**



MaKenna Bolanos, 7
Hailee Broman, 7
Jaydon Elge, 7
Marilla Flynn, 7
Juan Lasso, 7



Cole Ruybalid, 7
Sarah Simmons, 7
Andrew Winsterman, 7
Sharina Boutin, 8
Katie Cumpston, 8



Zac Dockweiler, 8
Logan Faeh, 8
Carson Falk, 8
Whitney Heuermann, 8
Alexis Hower, 8



Cameron Langemeier, 8
Seri Lee, 8
Rubi McHargue, 8
Matthew Myers, 8
Cassidy Ostrand, 8



Dillon Rose, 8
Trevor Swanson, 8
Hannah Tweeter, 8



Spelling Bee participants, front to back, from left: Row 1: **Marilla Flynn** (7), **Katie Cumpston** (8), **Alexis Hower** (8), and **MaKenna Bolanos** (7). Row 2: Alternate **Cassidy Ostrand** (8). Cumpston received the second place trophy, while all the other participants got ribbons for making it to the oral round.

Spelling Bee Junior

Young Leaders

Older students reach out to peers

In elementary, often times there is a power issue; the older kids don't want anything to do with the younger kids during the school day activities. However, that was not the case for the 2011-2012 upper elementary. The upper elementary made a conscious effort to include the younger kids at recess and other activities. **Savannah Zimmer (5)** said, "I encourage the kids when they get out in nine square and also to keep reading." The upper elementary stepped up this year and proved themselves to be strong leaders.

Recess has always been a favorite time for elementary students. In most years, the older students play separately from the younger students. However, the 2011-2012 school year was different. **Jon Dockweiler (5)** said, "When we are playing basketball, instead of shooting, I pass the ball to the younger kids and give them a chance to shoot as well. Let them have the ball more than yourself."

Recess is just one of the many ways that older students showed leadership in their actions and words. The elementary students participated in

library contests where they were divided into teams, mixing younger kids with older kids. The older students gave guidance to the young kids about what kind of books they should read to help the team. They also did a great job keeping them informed on how the team was doing and what needed to be done. **Daniel Myers (6)** said, "I try to set an example and influence them by telling them good job and encouraging them."

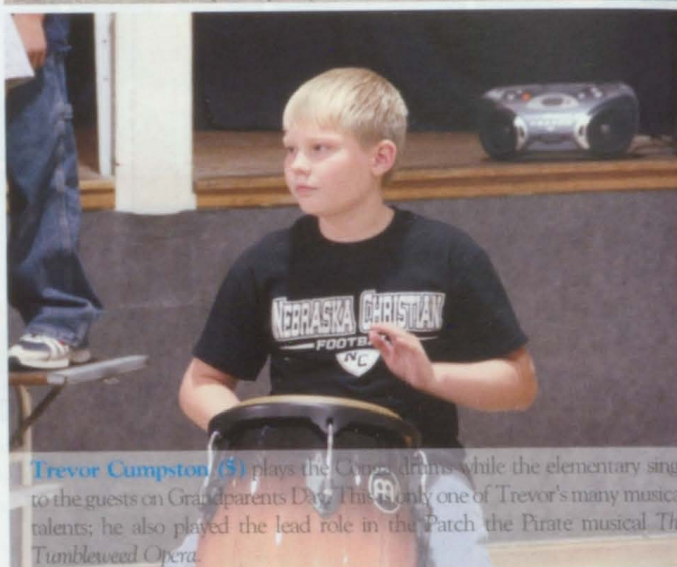
Encouragement also played a huge role not only in the library contest but also in smaller ways such as the older kids taking time to talk to the younger kids. Because of the leadership that had been portrayed, the younger kids felt that they could go to the older students for help and advice.

Anticipating the new atmosphere of junior high, **Claire Ostrand (6)** said, "I am still going to try to be a leader within my own seventh grade class." The upper elementary shows great potential to be great leaders as they enter into their junior high and high school years.

-Joanna Stuhmer (12)



Trying to match the weights, **Mr. Mark Leonard** and **Landen Leonard (K)**, **Janie Myers (4)**, **Kellie Merchant (K)**, **Jayden Leonard (4)**, **McKenna Leonard (3)**, and **Jada McHargue (3)** struggle to tip the teeter-totter their way. The teeter-totter is only one of the many activities that the students were able to participate in at the Scarecrow Patch.



Trevor Cumpston (5) plays the Conga drums while the elementary sing to the guests on Grandparents Day. This is only one of Trevor's many musical talents; he also played the lead role in the Patch the Pirate musical *The Tumbleweed Opera*.



The early March spring days instigated a fun art project outside for the elementary students to participate in. **Dani Davis (6)** gets her turn at the project by throwing the squishy paint ball at the paper. Her classmates look anxious to see what colors and shapes the ball will make on the paper.

Favorite class memory?

● Playing with my friends.

● My favorite class memory is my friend **McKenna (Leonard 3)** because she is nice.

● Having fun with my friends.

-Isaac McClanahan (4)

-Alyssa Broman (3)

-Seth Hower (4)



Alyssa Broman, 3
McKenna Leonard, 3
Carl Mundt, 3
McKenzie Schweitzer, 3
Joshua Strong, 3

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Seth Hower, 4
Jayden Leonard, 4
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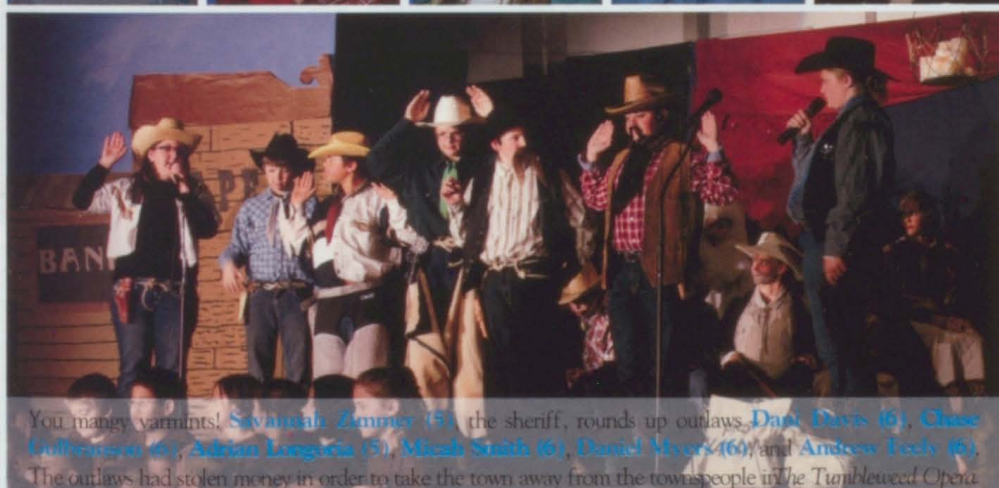
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Stephanie Strobel, 4
Amanda Whisenand, 4
Trevor Cumpston, 5

Ryan Dexter, 5
Jon Dockweiler, 5
Adrian Longoria, 5
Jada McHargue, 5
Carsyn Ostrand, 5

Halle Strong, 5
Alison Winsterman, 5
Bennett Zaruba, 5
Savannah Zimmer, 5
Andrew Feely, 6

Chase Gulbranson, 6
Daniel Myers, 6
Claire Ostrand, 6
Joel Poppe, 6
Micah Smith, 6

Elementary



You mangy varmints! Savannah Zimmer (5), the sheriff, rounds up outlaws Daniel Davis (6), Chase Gulbranson (6), Adrian Longoria (5), Micah Smith (6), Daniel Myers (6), and Andrew Feely (6). The outlaws had stolen money in order to take the town away from the townspeople in *The Tumbleweed Opera*.

Keeping Focus

Teachers teach concentration skills

Children's brains are full of imagination. When they are still sitting in the classroom, their minds may have already flown out of the window to the playground, to their favorite cartoons, or to video games. This imaginative nature sometimes results in great creativity but causes concentration problems. Teachers and helpers at NC work in various ways to develop the students' concentration. A well-organized classroom goes a long way towards helping students concentrate. And sometimes teachers even play some quiet classical music to help students focus their minds.

Besides improving children's study environment, sometimes using tools can work pretty well. "Some kids can not focus well when they are reading,

so we use rulers to help them read line by line," **Janet Song (12)**, who assisted in the elementary school, explained. And to discourage them from looking at others' papers or somewhere else when they are taking tests, teachers stand folders on both sides of students' tests so that students can only focus on their own tests.

What's more, teachers even play some math games in class to enable students to pay more attention. "I love math!" exclaimed **Marlie Mundt (1)** said. Teachers know that games can attract students more than those dull numbers can. Through the great efforts of teachers and helpers, the elementary kids gradually begin to focus and concentrate on what they are learning.

- Ency Chen (11)



Marlie Mundt (1), Sarah Bailey (2), Rylorne Seitz (14), Adwa McClanahan (1), Sydney McHargue (2), Emma DeGroff (12), and Shelby McHargue (12) sing *Hine Ma Tot* during the Harvest Festival.



Rachel Hale (P) enjoys the beautiful sunshine during the elementary field trip to the Scarecrow Patch.



Sarah Bailey (2), while watching students playing the game, chats with her friends during the Homecoming pep rally.



Lois Zimmerman (1), Conner Broman (2), Nathan Eagle (James) (1), Tyler Campston (2), and Zachary Egeland (2) wave the national flags as they ride the Timberlake float. The elementary always participates in Central City's Veteran's Day Parade. timberlake.org

Favorite Animals

- I like cheetahs because they can run really fast, and they are brave.
- My favorite animal is the polar bear because they are very funny.
- Rhinos are my favorite animal because they are big and can run fast.

- Drew Bailey (K)

- Emma DeGroff (2)

- Conner Broman (2)



Gretchen Brown, P
Trent Detlefsen, P
Jonah Green, P
Joshua Green, P
Rachel Hale, P

Maliyah Johnson, P
Noah Johnson, P
Brady Mieth, P
Drew Bailey, K
Colby DeGroff, K

Landen Leonard, K
Sarah Mead, K
Kylie Merchant, K
Karlee Seitz, K
Christian Strobel, K

Grace Strong, K
Gabriel Langemeier, 1
Aliya McClanahan, 1
Marlie Mundt, 1
Rylynne Seitz, 1

Malachi Zaruba, 1
Lane Zimmer, 1
Levi Zimmer, 1
Michael Amsden, 2
Sarah Bailey, 2

Conner Broman, 2
Tyler Cumpston, 2
Emma DeGroff, 2
Zachary Egeland, 2
Shelby McHargue, 2

Sidney McHargue, 2
Ethan Merchant, 2



Michael Amsden (2) smiles at camera while hanging upside down on the playground. Young kids always enjoy recess at school.

Elementary

Freedom of Worship

Teachers grateful for a Christian environment

Packing all of your stuff from a previous classroom or office and moving to an unfamiliar school is always a stressful thing to do. However, many outstanding teachers weathered the stress and came to NC this year. Some teachers came because of the students at NC and their positive attitudes. Some teachers came because of the desire to have their children educated in a Christian environment. "It is important to have my children developing a correct biblical view," **Mr. Andy Falk** remarked.

Other teachers came to seek a place where people could openly worship God. **Mr. Carl Ostrand**, who has

taught at NC for four years, explained, "It is encouraging to work with other people who want to serve God with all their heart, mind and strength, while it is discouraging to work with people who curse God's name." Besides, teachers are attracted by the stage where they can openly read Bible and share faith with students in class. New superintendent **Josh Cumpston** remarked: "I really enjoy teaching truth and being able to use scriptures in my teaching." With so many outstanding teachers who come to work for God's will, NC's future is shining under the blessing of God.

- Ency Chen (11)



Mr. Mark Leonard and **Destiny Weichmann (10)** play around during the Ice Cream Social at the beginning of the year. "We were doing a secret hand shake; that's all I can tell you," said Leonard.



Following the Spiritual Emphasis Day message, **Mr. Josh Cumpston** tosses a ball to hit the other balls. Carpet ball always gave teachers and students a great time during Spiritual Emphasis Day.

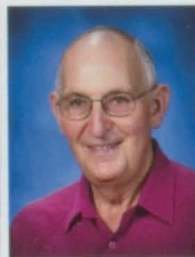


On Winter Awards night, **Mrs. Janet Landrigan** and **Mrs. Dee Flynn** hand **Alexia Howes (9)** a certificate for participating in Junior High Quiz Bowl. Fall, Winter, and Spring Awards nights allowed coaches to recognize team members publicly.



Mr. David Gee and **Levi Landrigan (12)** work together on a project to replace the volleyball covers in the gym floor. The new industrial technology curriculum allowed students to put their knowledge to practical use.

Michele Boutin, Cook
Kathy Chase, Develop. Office
Harold Cook, Custodian
Josh Cumpston,
Administrator/Bible
Becky Deichmann, Develop. Office





Tom Dockweiler, Business Manager/Computer
Terry Elge, Wrestling Coach
Andy Falk, Math/Bible
Ruth Ferris, Librarian
Dee Flynn, Science/Boys' dorm/Quiz Bowl



Mike Flynn, Bible/Music/Boys' Dorm
David Gee, Industrial Technology
Gilbert Glad, Public Relations
Jody Heuermann, Develop. Office
Roy Hilderbrand, Custodian



Barb Hoff, ESL/Girls' Dorm
Larry Hoff, Int'l Program/Girls' Dorm/ESL
Daurice Hower, Int'l Activities/Elementary
Art, PE & Spanish
Jeff Hower, English/Spanish
Gib Killion, ESL/Int'l Program



Kathy Kirby, Bus Driver
Janet Landrigan, Math/English/Dorm Aide/
Cross Country
Mark Leonard, Computer/Business
Clay Mankin, Social Studies/Bible/Weight
Training/Boys' Basketball
Karen Miotke, Business Office Assistant



Chuck Myers, Bible/Art
Carl Ostrand, Social Studies/Bible/M.O.V./
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Tonya Ostrand, Spanish/PE/Health/Volleyball
Gwen Prettyman, Drama
Becky Ritta, Advance Editor/Business Office
Assistant/ESL/Yearbook



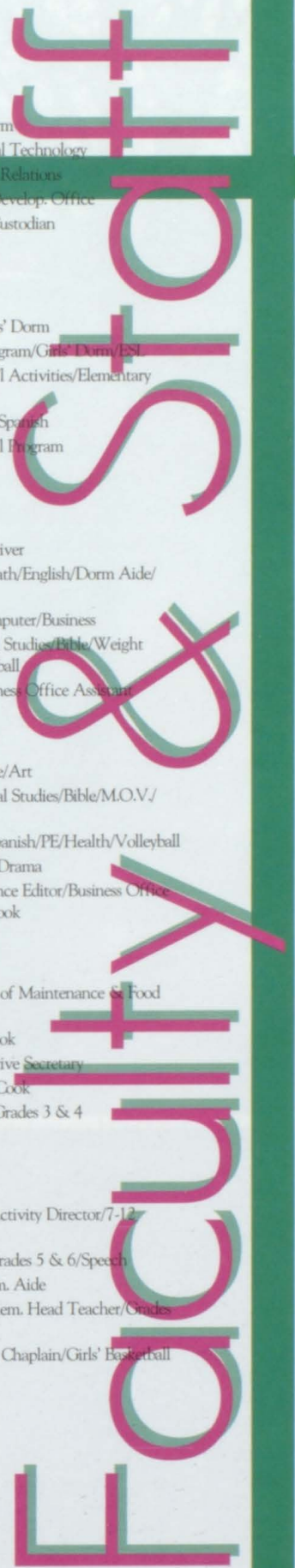
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Marilynn Ritta, Cook
Susan Ritta, Executive Secretary
Shelly Rodehorst, Cook
Denise Schreiber, Grades 3 & 4



Larry Schreiber, Activity Director/7-12/
Counselor/PE
Charissa Smith, Grades 5 & 6/Speech
Cheryl Smith, Elem. Aide
Janice Stuhmer, Elem. Head Teacher/Grades
1 & 2/English
Gordon Thiessen, Chaplain/Girls' Basketball



Patty Welk, General Math/Resource
Brian Whittle, Program Director/Band
Verna Zaruba, Preschool/Kindergarten





Purple (n.) : a state of peace
and well-being

Student life

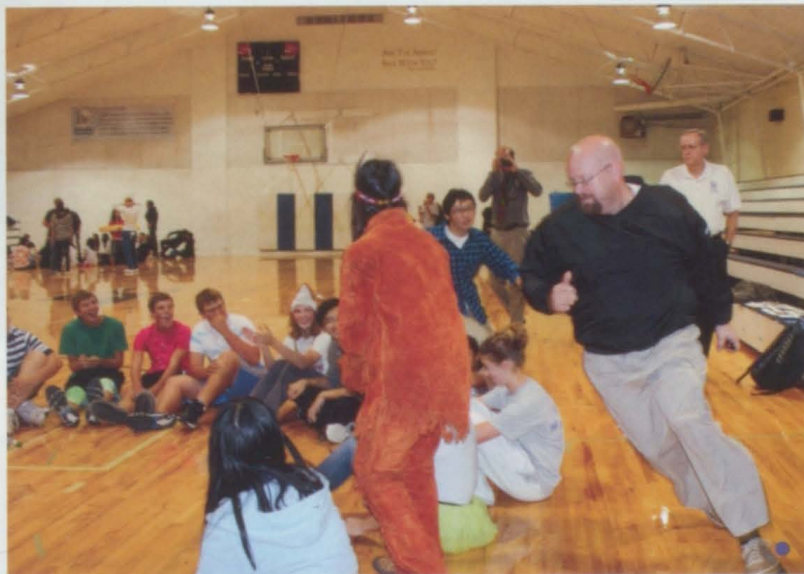
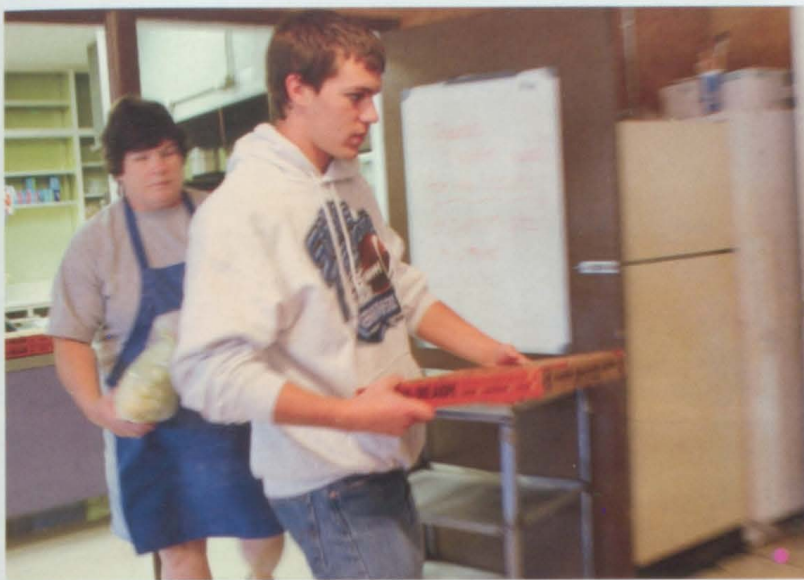
Finding Peace

Students seek calm in the chaos

Bright and early, on August 16, 2011, kids unwillingly rolled out of bed to prepare themselves to face yet another school year. Their worry-free days of summer vacation ended and were replaced by mounds and mounds of endless homework. Balancing school, sports, and free time was a daunting task. Students could easily lose focus and become overwhelmed by all the craziness. In what ways did they cope with the chaos and find peace? Some students found strategies to help make sense of all the madness. Student body president **Andrew Swanson (12)** said, "You have to find a balance between keeping busy and staying active, with making sure you don't overload your schedule." Other students had a harder time finding balance. **Bekah Mead (11)** said, "How do I handle my busy life? It's simple. I don't!" On top of being bogged down by astonishing amounts of homework, a student may have had after school activities to devote time and effort to. Mead also said, "It was hard coming home from volleyball and basketball games at like 11:00 o'clock at night and still having to do all your homework for the next day."

The students had differing types of stress depending on various situations. International students had to learn and improve their English, as well as deal with homesickness. Dorm life could also prove stressful for the internationals. Coming from different countries, they sometimes had misunderstandings that they had to learn to work through. The Senior class had the privilege of pulling their hair over college visits and applications. Other stressful activities of the year included taking tests such as the ACT and TOEFL. I Peter 5:7 says "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you." According to this verse, we can trust God with all our worries and fears and the stresses of life. He will take care of them, for He is sovereign.

-Tori Swanson (11)



Jayden Epp (9), Shyler Boutin (10), Tim Fread (10), and Chase Kvols (10) quietly observe Carrie Beck (11) roll a pool ball down a long table. Carpet Ball was one of many fun activities provided at Spiritual Emphasis Day.

Jahn Landrigan (11) and Beran Fisher (10) share some laughs over bowls of ice cream. At the beginning of the year, the students were released from 9th hour early for an ice cream social.

Levi Landrigan (12) carries a pizza through the kitchen. The Student Council provided Little Caesar's pizza for lunch for Cook Appreciation Day.

Mr. Jeff Hower nimbly dashes around a ring of sophomores in a playful game of Duck, Duck, Goose. Students found creative ways to spend their time while waiting to decorate the gym for Homecoming.

● Mrs. Janet Landrigan helps Brittany Ritta (9) cut a pumpkin into special shapes during Family & Consumer Science. "It (FCS) is a very practical class for anyone," said Landrigan, who taught FCS for the first time in 2011-2012.

● The electrifying atmosphere of Homecoming Week doesn't seem to interrupt Jessica Kim (12) as she prepares for an upcoming Bible test. Kim was known as the "hardest working student" in the girls' dorm.

● Carson Falk (8) and Zachary Dockweiler (8) play with clay during art class. "It was really bad clay and didn't really work," said Dockweiler. Students later used better clay to make Christmas gifts.

● Luke Woods (12) and Lindsey Ngo (11) write down the volume of the chemical that they measured during the chemistry lab. Students enjoyed working together during science labs.

● Tanner Cooper (11), wearing a pair of protective goggles, works diligently in Manufacturing II. Mr. Gee's industrial technology classes became an instant hit among students who desired to advance their skills.



What's Your Favorite Class?

● My favorite class is Economics because Mr. Ostrand is an awesome teacher and can always catch my attention.

-Seth Bailey (12)

● My favorite class is A+P because everyday in this class I'm 'wowed' by the way God constructed our bodies.

-Shanna Bailey (11)

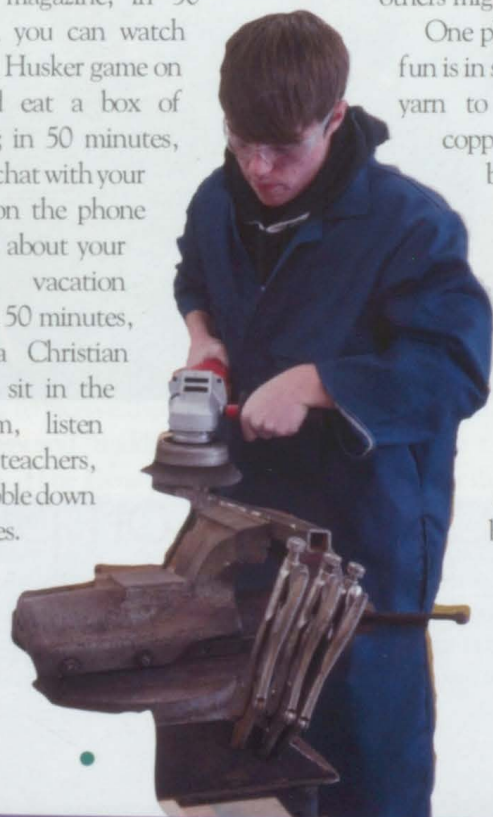
● I like study hall best because I can either deal with my homework or have a good sleep.

-Natalie Bui (10)



Students embrace learning in the classroom

In 50 minutes, you can sit in the salon, dye your hair, and read a fashion magazine; in 50 minutes, you can watch part of a Husker game on TV and eat a box of popcorn; in 50 minutes, you can chat with your friends on the phone and talk about your exciting vacation plans. In 50 minutes, Nebraska Christian students sit in the classroom, listen to the teachers, and scribble down the notes.



However, rather than complaining, NC students always seek a lot of fun where others might succumb to ennui.

One place students seek and find fun is in science labs. Whether using yarn to display meiosis, heating copper sulfate with a Bunsen burner, or making a balloon rocket, students rack their brains, move their hands, and enjoy their time in class. At the end of the year, the physical science class completed Rube Goldberg projects, which allowed them to apply the concepts they had been studying. "I thought it

was fun because you got to work with things like pulleys that you don't normally work with in everyday life," said **Brittany Ritta (9)**, who built a machine that would swing a golf club.

Students also found fun times in history review games where students were divided into small groups and answer questions to gain points. To obtain the questions, students have to raise their hands fast or sometimes grab the ball, which makes the review games exciting and attractive for students. "It is a lot of fun, and it really helps me remember what I need to know for the test," exclaimed **Tori Swanson (11)**.

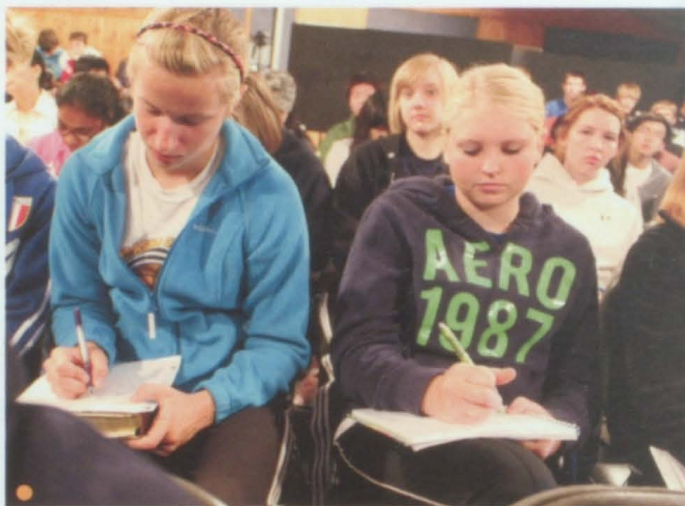
NC students' and teachers' ability to find fun made classes enjoyable.

-Ency Chen (11)

Periods of Fun

Chapel & Service

- Emily Simmons (9) and Taylor Swantek (9) diligently jot down notes for Spiritual Emphasis Day. Students took notes on the sermons so they could go back and review what they learned that day.



- Paul Washer passionately preaches on the Gospel at the No Compromise conference. Washer was an inspirational speaker and impacted many students that day.



- Zoe Flynn (10), Savannah Clapper (12), Jahn Landrigan (11), and Joey Sun (12) lead the worship at Spiritual Emphasis Day. Students had the opportunity to raise their voices in praise and lead the worship at each chapel.



- Dorm students Janet Song (12), Joey Sun (12), Sebastian Chang (12), Mina Kim (12), and Jay Han (12) diligently prepare letters to be mailed. Students had many opportunities to serve the school through performing tasks for the school office.

- Paying extra attention to balance the plates in his hands, Ethan Unruh (9) serves full-heartedly for the Dinner & Benefit Auction. The auction would not be able to continue without all the student and staff volunteers.

What impacted you at No Comp.?

- Paul Washer's sermons, and how I am so unworthy and drenched in sin, yet God's mercy and grace covers me through Christ. Christ wasn't scared to die a brutal physical death, but he had to take on God's wrath, which is what we deserve and what we don't have to face because of Him.

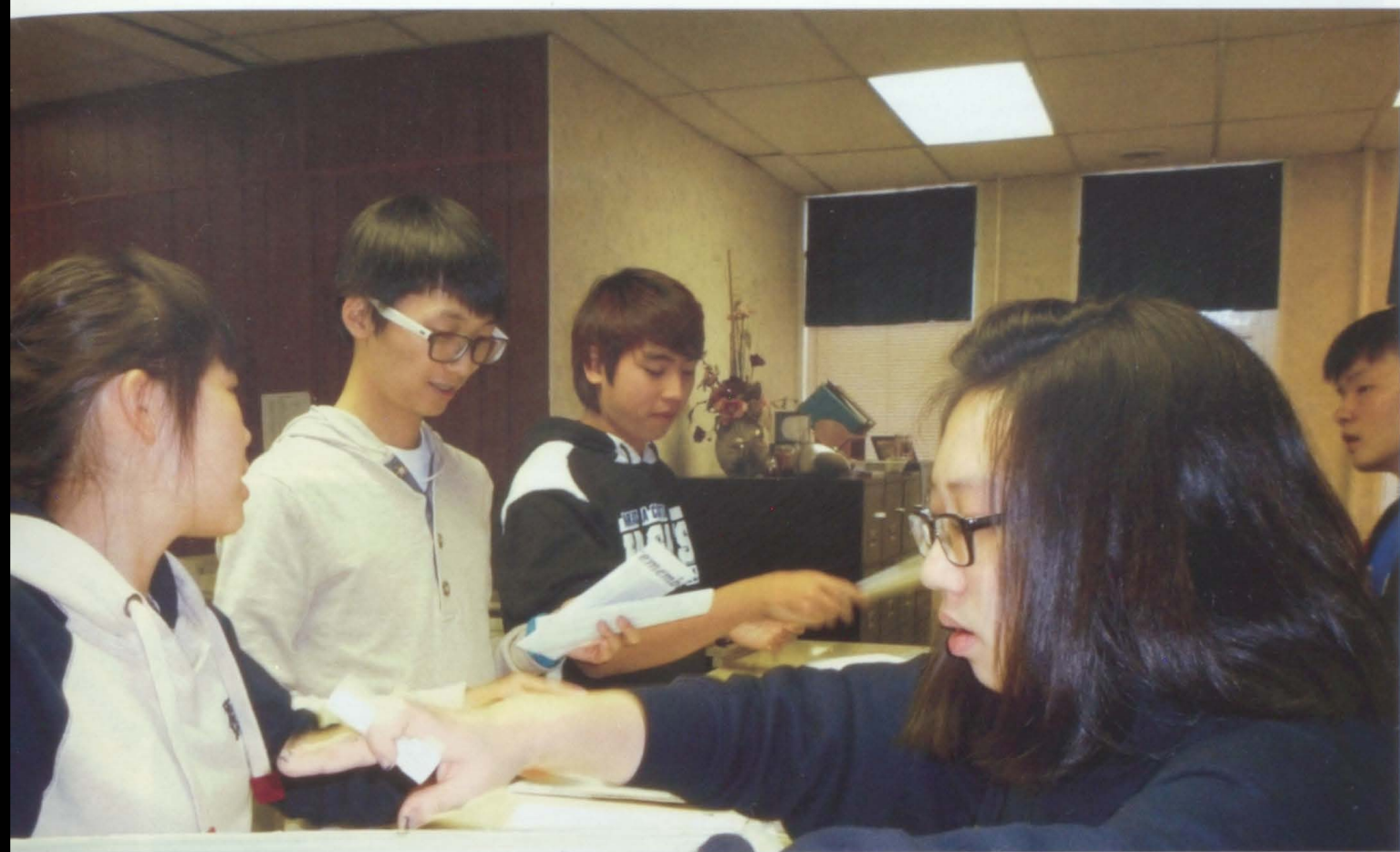
-Savannah Clapper (12)

- When Paul Washer described what God had to go through to put His Son through the torture and wrath, so we don't have to take that wrath.

-Taylor Van Pelt (9)

- How Paul Washer said that God is good, and that is good news, but we are not good. It reminded me how sometimes I am prideful in my spiritual life.

-Yena Yoo (11)



Students spend a weekend learning about Christ

In Spring of 2011, a youth conference, called No Compromise, was born. The Nebraska FCA and Nebraska Christian collaborated to form this conference, which was modeled after Weekend of Champions. Mike Abendroth and Ron Brown came and spoke to the youth, and Enfield led the worship. It was a weekend filled with intense preaching, soulful worship, and fun games and activities.

The next spring, the conference was on again. Anxious teens arrived at the Central City Public High School early Saturday morning to receive their name tags and "huddle" numbers. (The teens are divided into different "huddles" and have a Huddle Leader, usually a college-aged



student.) **Yena Yoo (11)** said, "It was really good to be in the Huddle groups because we can actually share our testimonies with other believers, and I felt like I can actually help somebody." After finding and meeting their huddles, the teens filed into the Performing Arts Center and started off the weekend with worship music provided by a band out of Hastings. After the worship, Paul Washer came to the pulpit to preach. Washer, known for his intense and convicting sermons, came all the way from Texas.

Over three different assemblies, Washer presented

the Gospel and spoke on regeneration. His sermons impacted many and were very thought provoking.

In between the assemblies, the Huddles divided up and discussed the sermons. Also, they played different games such as clothespin tag and steal sticks. Saturday night, the teens camped out in the gyms for a good night's rest. On Sunday, Ron Brown came and spoke on standing up for Christ. He used the example of David and Goliath. It was a good way to end the Conference.

Andrew Swanson (12) summed it up, saying, "It was an awesome experience, with loads of Biblical insight."

-Tori Swanson (11)



No Compromise

Homecoming

During homecoming week, **Rae Zhong (10)**, **Ency Chen (11)**, **Vicky Zhang (11)**, and **Janet Song (12)** walk to chapel on Redneck vs. Geeks Day. Song enjoyed her last homecoming by dressing up each day. "I think I'm a cute nerd," she said.

On Disney Day, **Kimberly Deichmann (11)**, dressed as the Queen of Hearts, practices her flute during band class. On Disney Movie Day, the junior class dressed up as characters from *Alice in Wonderland*.

In round two of a dodgeball tournament during the homecoming pep rally, **Isaac Elge (12)** evades a ball thrown by **Mr. Clay Mankin**. The football and staff teams met in the finals after defeating their first round foes. The football team won by tagging out the last staff player: **Mr. Carl Ostrand**.

During "New Teacher Trivia" at the Homecoming pep rally, **Carson Falk (8)**, **Cassidy Ostrand (8)**, **Hannah Rogers (12)**, **Jacob Winsterman (11)**, and **Zoe Flynn (10)** react to the disgusting food the loser of each round must sample. **Myles Wheeler (9)** missed the most questions, and he got to taste many concoctions created by the student council officers.

Whitney Twogood (10) and **Cailyn Ostrand (10)** head to a student council meeting during Homecoming week. The student council met every day leading up to and during the week to ensure the week went smoothly.



What Was Your Favorite Homecoming Experience?

My favorite day was Disney Cartoon Day, because each class gets to do its own thing and act like a class instead of individuals.

-**Marilla Flynn (7)**

I liked 20th Century Day because you got to see people's true colors come out -- or the garb from their parents' closets!

-**Savannah Clapper (12)**

I enjoyed the Homecoming football game because my friends who graduated came back and cheered for me.

-**James Lee (11)**



Students embrace Homecoming Week traditions

Want to time travel? Want to watch rednecks and nerds wandering in the hallway? Or see Disney cartoon characters show up at school? NC Homecoming Week 2011 had 20th Century Day, Rednecks vs. Geeks Day, Disney Movie Day, and the customary Blue & White Day. Students released their passion through bizarre costumes and enjoyed

yelling "Wow!" to their friends' extraordinary outfits everyday. The yells reached their peak on Friday night. When the football game came on Friday night, NC students past and present all gathered around the football field. The alumni present enjoyed the reunion by cheering for the NC football team together, which evoked high school memories. "I love the atmosphere during Homecoming and reminiscing about the good times my friends and I

had at NC," 2011 graduate **Miss Alycea Unruh** shared. As the NC players continued making touchdown after touchdown, the yells raised up among the "Blue and White" fans. Hugs from old friends and cheers for the NC football team filled the crisp fall evening. **Lindsey Ngo (11)** said: "I yelled so hard that I didn't feel cold any more." When the referee's final whistle blew, the Eagles had triumphed with a 56 - 23 victory. The score on the board drew a satisfactory conclusion to a memorable Homecoming Week.

-Ency Chen (11)



Ready
to Yell

Stuco Events

• **Tori Swanson (11)** leap frogs over **Jahn Landrigan (11)** and **Braden Moody (11)** while **Sophia Zhang (11)** and **Kevin Cheng (10)** anxiously wait their turns. Before the Quiz Bowl team went to State, the Student Council hosted a pep rally for them and challenged the team to a leap frog race.



• **Shyler Boutin (10)** and **Scott Smith (10)** take advantage of the myriad of toppings available to them at the Ice Cream Social. The Ice Cream social is always one of the most popular events that the Stuco holds. 2011's social was especially popular because it came as a surprise after a fire drill.



• **Levi Landrigan (12)** plays the role of a show host during the Pep Rally for Homecoming held by the Student Council while **Myles Wheeler (9)**, a contestant, tries to answer Landrigan's questions correctly. Wheeler came in last and had to sample several "delicacies" prepared by the Stuco.



• **Andrew Swanson (12)** and **Levi Landrigan (12)** carry in pizza boxes for Cooks' Appreciation Day. Swanson and Landrigan, with the help of **Kameron Kaelin (12)**, accomplished most of the leg work for Stuco Events throughout the year.

• Smiling broadly, **Luke Woods (12)** serves his Student Council duty as the treasurer by scooping ice-cream for the annual Stuco Ice Cream Social. Many other student council members also worked hard to make the event possible.

Favorite Pep Rally Game ?

• My favorite pep rally game was when the football team played against the teachers in the finale of the dodge ball tournament. Especially when **Mr. (Clay) Mankin** faced down the football team on his own.

-April Faeh (10)

• The Quiz bowl team challenge with Professor Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt (**Jake Simmons (12)**) because of all the quick, witty banter.

-Mr. Josh Cumpston

• I really liked the ice cream social at the beginning of the year because we all got out of school and were able to fellowship with friends.

-Cody Smith (12)



Events build school pride

Events sponsored by the student council have many different purposes and causes. These range from honoring students to just distracting them from the long, mundane winter.

However, the main purpose behind almost all student council events is inspiring student spirit. This is not as easy as it seems because between sports, school work, and all the craziness that accompanies being a student,

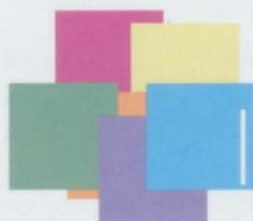


finding time for and planning events has its fair share of difficulties. So, members of the student council have to use every possible means at their disposal to plan an event that is both exciting and fits in an already crammed schedule. This crafty planning leads to fire drills that end in ice cream and the pep band playing in the hallway with five minutes left in school to announce an assembly to honor students going to state.

The masterminds behind this year's events were the student council officers, a group of senior boys who ran on the

"KALL" ticket: President **Andrew Swanson (12)**, Vice President **Levi Landrigan (12)**, Secretary **Kameron Kaelin (12)**, and Treasurer **Luke Woods (12)**. Their goal was to create fun events that weren't exactly the same as events other student councils sponsored in past years. They succeeded by throwing a surprise ice cream social, introducing fun new games at pep rallies, thinking up wacky Spirit Days, and honoring teams—such as quiz bowl—that aren't normally recognized. And through it all, they accomplished their purpose: inspiring school spirit throughout the student body.

—Andrew Swanson (12)



Inspiring Spirit

After Hours

Many students study and take use of the time before basketball games start after school. **Jacob Winsterman (11)** does exactly that, while **Curtis Heuermann (11)** waits and checks his cell phone.



Working at the cash register at her job at Dairy Queen, **Carrie Beck (11)** gets ready to take customers orders. Beck started working at Dairy Queen in June on 2011 and works on Saturdays and sometimes on Mondays.



Elaine Chen (10) plays on her computer at the girls dorm. Chen joined the student body at the beginning of second quarter.



Cameron Langemeier (8) and Rachel Heitkamp have fun getting pulled around behind a boat on a tube. Langemeier lives by Timberlake and does a lot of outdoor activities during the summer.

Andrew Swanson (12) signs a farewell message on a balloon for **Luke Woods (12)** who left midway through the year. The Seniors held a goodbye party for Woods after a basketball game at Dairy Queen, where they ate ice-cream cake and presented him with balloons signed with their blessings.

How do you unwind after school?

● I go home and, well, I do different things every day, such as going out with friends and hanging out with my brother.

-Victoria Calero (9)

● I normally watch whatever is on TV and play the computer.

-Cameron Langemeier (8)

● I go back to the dorm and play on the computer, eat food, play with my friends, and then study.

-Elaine Chen (10)



Students make the most of their time outside school

Time: such a precious, valuable aspect of life. No one can avoid it, and no one can stop it. It continues on and always will until God decides to stop it. So with that aspect aside what should people do with their time? Students have a schedule they need to keep. Wake up, go to school, sports practice, supper, homework, and bed. Wouldn't life be really boring if that's all that made up students'

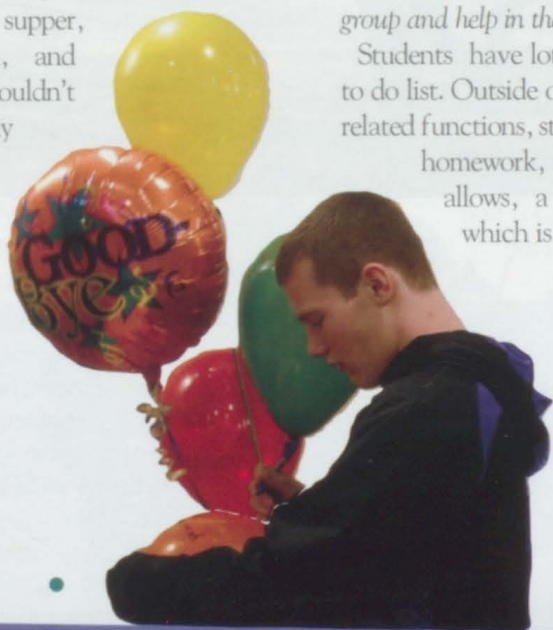
time? Students get involved in work, volunteering, and time with friends. It's their down time, their free time, cruising time, it's their needed time. **Carrie Beck (11)** commented, *"I take care of the horses and ride them most days, as well as feeding the dogs and cats, and gathering the eggs from the chickens. I also go to youth group and help in the nursery."*

Students have lots of things on their to do list. Outside of school and school related functions, students have chores, homework, and maybe, if time allows, a little X-Box 360, which is how **Jacob**

Winsterman (11) prefers to spend some of his free time.

What a blessing that humans have been blessed with knowing that they won't be able to get back the time already spent. So why don't people take advantage of that fact and do what they were called to do and glorify God's existence? Going outside, hanging out, and being with the unique humans that God created them to fellowship together with? So, everybody use time wisely, and use it to its full benefit, because life flies by without any subconscious thought. Use every day, hour, minute, and even every second to exemplify The Creator and the beautiful creation he gave people to keep them from boredom. In a world built by a perfect being, wouldn't humans think that He thought to make objects to keep them from being bored?

-**Savannah Clapper (12)**



What
is time?

Dorm Activities

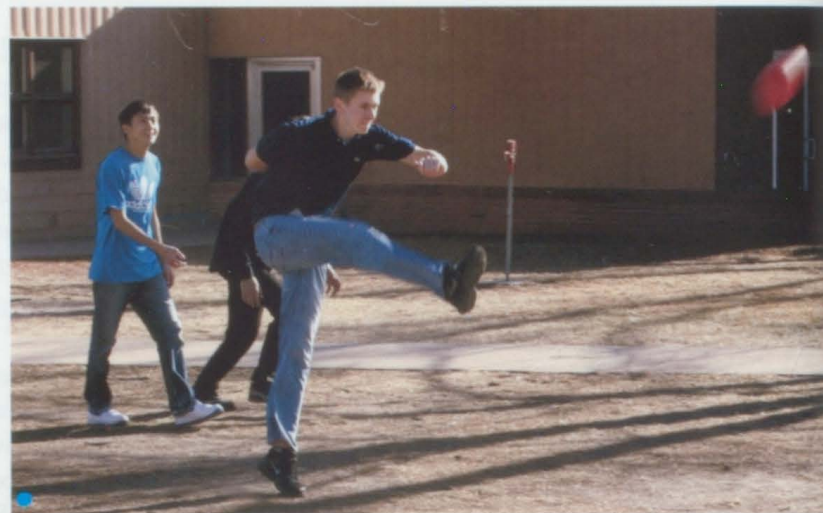
● **Matt Kim (11)** and **Sebastian Chang (12)** focus on the NBA players as they pass the ball to their teammates. The boys' dorm went to Oklahoma City for this year's NBA game trip.



● Watching intensely, **Ichiro Hokazono (10)**, **Kevin Cheng (10)** wait for planes to cross the sky at the Lincoln air show. Dorm students enjoyed the show, even though they were almost melting under the fierce sun.



● **Wai Ng (12)** watches **Luke Woods (12)** send a football flying through the air. The dorm students often enjoyed playing games outside when the weather was nice.



● To help their team win the frozen t-shirt game, **Mia Dinh (11)** and **Jane Seok (12)** put the cold and stiff T-shirt on poor **Seri Lee (8)**. Every team was given a t-shirt that had been frozen in a pan. The first team to get the t-shirt out of the pan and put it on one of their members won the game.

● **Ency Chen (11)** stirs the food with chopsticks while **Sophia Zhang (11)** adds the vegetables to the boiling soup. To celebrate Chinese New Year, the Chinese girls made hot-pot in the dorm. "It makes me homesick" **Xiaofan Meng (10)** said.

Favorite Nebraska Weather?

● I love snow the most because I enjoy eating hot-pot with my friends inside the house and watching beautiful snow outside. Also, snow war is really fun.

-Neil Lin (11)

● I like cool weather best because I can eat ice-cream, and it won't melt fast. Besides, I don't need to wear heavy coats in the cool weather.

-Sophia Songthangtham (10)

● Sunny is my favorite because it is best weather to do our activities outside, and I enjoy playing soccer with my friends in football field on sun shine day.

-Andy La (11)



Students learn to live with a diverse group of friends

Home is always the most comfortable place in the world; however, to obtain the education they want, some students leave their homes and find another home: the dorm. The two dorms on campus, which house 46 girls and boys from different countries, are great places to learn forgiveness and love. In the dorm, you can hear different languages mingling in the hallway everyday and sense the peculiar smell flowing from the kitchen that brings you a great desire to throw the food into the trash can. Besides, the

bathroom sometimes is occupied by loud "singers." In addition, unfinished dorm jobs can drive you nuts. *"Sometimes people fail to meet their responsibility,"* **Joey Sun (12)** explained.

Living in such a cultural potpourri, different kinds of collisions are caused all the time. Fortunately, with the help of their patient dorm parents, students replaced suspicion with trust, replaced sadness with consolation, and replaced conflict with forgiveness.

Proverbs 17:9 says, "He who covers and forgives an offense seek love, but he who repeats or harps on

a matter separates even close friends." Dorm students sought love, while they learned to give forgiveness to each others. *"Every time I get mad; I will choose to talk to the. And then, we will find out there is some misunderstanding, so we get to know each other better, and relationship grow stronger,"* **Mina Kim (12)** remarked. NC's dorm, which is decorated with forgiveness and love from God, is warm and makes students feel at home.

- **Ency Chen (11)**



Love from Forgiveness

Senior Trip

● **Jim Tao (12)** receives his slice of steak while **Jay Han (12)** waits for the waiter to carve a piece off for him. At Fogo De Chao, the seniors were given the option of many items on a fresh salad bar and when seated an assortment of freshly grilled meats was served to them.

● **Sebastian Chang (12), Kameron Kaelin (12), and Dat Nguyen (12)** inspect the features of a soon-to-be book cover at Bethany Press. The Seniors had the opportunity to tour the press and watch a variety of the different processes of book printing.

● Expressing his opinion on the topic, **Levi Landrigan (12)** talks about Whitney Houston and the lessons to be learned by her life and tragic death. Levi was one of the four students who spoke on *The David Wheaton Show*. The others were **Hannah Rogers (12), Savannah Clapper (12), and Andrew Swanson (12)**.

● Looking at one of the art pieces in the Minneapolis Institute of Art, **Eunice Songthangtham (12)** and **Janet Song (12)** examine the detailed artistic flower. The students got a healthy dose of every aspect and discipline of art by visiting multiple museums.

● **Cody Smith (12)** walks through the snow carrying his skis to a new skiing route. The seniors enjoyed the opportunity afford to them to ski in the rolling hills of Minnesota.



Favorite memory of the trip?

● My favorite part of the trip was the restaurant Fogo De Chao and when we went skiing.

-Dat Nguyen (12)

● I really enjoyed eating at Fogo De Chao and watching the hockey game.

-Jonny Smith (12)

● Although I fell and have a scar on my face, I loved the skiing.

-Jane Seok (12)



Worldview training comes to life on senior trip

The most common question the Seniors were asked on their senior trip was "Why Minnesota?" **Seth Bailey (12)** said, "One of the reasons we decided to go to Minnesota is because we could have a blast there and still get a lesson in world view and art, eh."

One of the main purposes of the trip was to help seniors develop a Biblical worldview, and they were able to do that through visiting three art museums. The first one was a traditional museum featuring pieces by well-known artists. The next two museums were postmodern in nature. The artists featured in these museums used new technology to make diverse types of art. Even though their meaning

and reasoning behind their art was completely different, the pieces had no intrinsic meaning or purpose, so each visitor could assign his or her own meaning to the art. The seniors also attended a taping of *The David Wheaton Show*, which; for the first time in the shows history, was broadcast from Wheaton's home in Minneapolis. Of the radio show, **Levi Landrigan (12)** said, "I really appreciate what David Wheaton does

because Christian radio is often overlooked as a way to share our worldview." The radio show gave the seniors an opportunity to discuss how worldview affects everything a person does.

The trip left an impression with the seniors and forced them to think about their faith. When summing up the trip, **Eunice Songthangtham (12)** commented, "It was good to be able to get out of school and see the outside world and see how things change so fast."

So, why Minnesota? Because it let the seniors refresh their minds and their relationship with Christ, stressed the importance of a Christian world view, and let them bond through many fun activities.

-**Savannah Clapper (12)**



Why Minnesota?

Honor Banquet

● **Jerry Vuong (12)** eagerly awaits the meal **Tanner Cooper (11)** is serving him. The junior boys served the meal to the guests at the Honor Banquet, while junior parents worked in the kitchen dishing up the food.



● **Andrew Swanson (12)** and **Isaac Elge (12)** enjoy their prime rib dinner at the Honor Banquet. Seniors were seated with their parents, and the remaining seats at each table were filled by pastors, teachers, and coaches.



● During the after party of the Honor Banquet, **Bekah Mead (11)** and **Levi Landrigan (12)** pose for a picture for one of their clues on the evening's Amazing Race-style scavenger hunt. The juniors set the bar high for the following Honors after parties.



● Consulting the seating chart, **Kim Deichmann (11)**, **Katherine Welk (11)**, and **Chloe Bauer (11)** prepare to escort the seniors and their guests to the proper tables. The juniors worked together to ensure the evening progressed smoothly.

Best part of the after party?

● The challenge and adventure we had playing "The Amazing Race" in the dark.

-**Joanna Stuhmer (12)**

● Winning a \$10 iTunes gift card!

-**Janet Song (12)**

● Running through the woods during the scavenger hunt and falling into the mud pit. It was wet and cold!

-**Curtis Heuermann (11)**



New banquet designed to honor graduating seniors

Formal dresses? Check. Class pictures? Check. A delicious meal? Check. An intense and fun after party? Check.

While this may sound like the makings of a traditional junior-senior banquet, in reality it was something much different and incredibly meaningful: the first annual Honor Banquet. Superintendent Josh Cumpston, who organized the event with the assistance of junior class sponsor Patty Welk and several junior parents, designed Honor to be a time of recognizing the graduating seniors for the impact they had on others during their time at Nebraska Christian. The seniors' parents, pastors, and teachers were all invited to the event and shared in the time of recognition.

Following a prime rib dinner, Cumpston read

statements from other students about each senior, which allowed them to get a glimpse of the impact they had on the atmosphere of the school. Of this part of the evening, senior Joey Sun said, "Having every senior honored in the way of others paying tribute to them was a great part of the night. It introduced seniors in a different way and gave us a new perspective in seeing how we had

influenced others." After the time of recognition, each pastor who attended the evening prayed over the seniors, and the formal portion of the evening ended with the seniors and their parents exchanging letters over dessert.

The students then loaded the bus for Timberlake Ranch Camps, where an Amazing Race-style competition ensued. Then the students returned to campus for breakfast before heading home.

This new event is one the 2012 seniors will remember as they head into the next phase of their lives, and it is one that the underclassmen will eagerly anticipate in years to come.

-Miss Becky Ritta



Finishing with Honor



Graduation

Joanna Stuhmer (12) and Jim Tao (12) walk the aisle to "Pomp & Circumstance." The seniors finally experienced the thrill of living the moment they had waited on for so long.

Janet Song (12) and Eunice Songthangtham (12) pose for a picture after graduation. The overwhelming excitement of being done was cause for a lot of smiling faces and pictures.

Board Chairman Mark McHargue presents Jessica Kim (12) with her diploma. Kim attended Nebraska Christian for four years.

The seniors, including Jessica Davis (12), Savannah Clapper (12), Sebastian Chang (12), Shelisa Boutin (12), and Seth Bailey (12), turn their tassels to signify their graduation from high school. In recent years, the program coordinator had turned the seniors' tassels after they received their diplomas, but this year the seniors all turned their tassels *en masse*.

Andrew Swanson (12) delivers his commencement speech to the crowd. The top two in the class, Swanson and Eunice Songthangtham (12), were chosen as class speakers.



Favorite Graduation Moment?

Andrew's speech. Because we made a "deal" that if it wasn't funny I would just do one for him, and it was pretty funny.

-Joey Sun (12)

That's not a tough one. When Mr. (Josh) Cumpston got me and Jonny mixed up with our diplomas.

-Cody Smith (12)

Singing with the choir for the last time. I know all the seniors gave the graduation performance our all, which made it really special.

-Hannah Rogers (12)



Graduation promotes seniors to adulthood

On a cool May morning, 27 seniors entered the gymnasium for the last time as Nebraska Christian students. When they emerged an hour later, they had a new title: alumni.

Thirteen years of hard work, sweat, laughter, and tears culminated in a ceremony designed to mark time and unleash the students on a waiting adult world.

The seniors filed in to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance," played by **Kevin Cheng (10)**. Following the welcome, invocation, and a musical selection by the Master's Musicians, **Eunice Songthangtham (12)** took the podium. She became emotional as she thanked those who have influenced her during her time at Nebraska Christian.

Following Songthangtham's address, class speaker **Andrew Swanson (12)** challenged his class to remember that they have been given much through their Christian education, and so much will be required of them. Of the

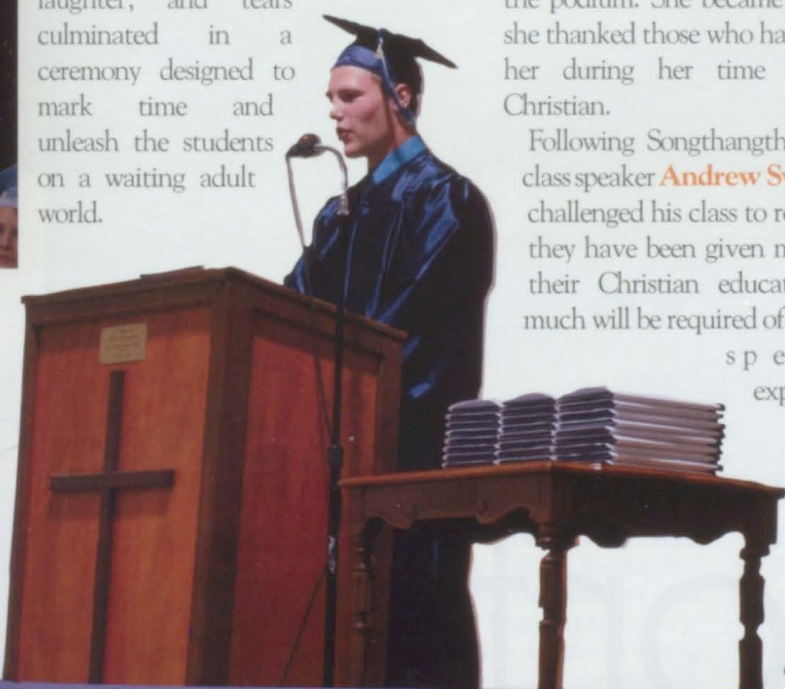
speaking experience, he

said, "It was a unique and nerve racking honor to pay respect to and say thanks to those who helped my class and myself in high school. Also hopefully it inspired all of us graduating to use the gifts we have been given, as well."

The class chose Pastor Zeke Pipher of Central City's Heartland Evangelical Free Church as the commencement speaker. He challenged the class to remember to always treat others with love and humility.

Finally, the seniors received their long-awaited diplomas, turned their tassels, and became what they had longed for: high school graduates.

-Joanna Stuhmer & Miss Becky Ritta



End of an Era



Blue (adj.): trust, loyalty,
faithfulness

Sports

Building Loyalty

Teammates work towards trust

To have a successful sports team, whether it be in Volleyball, Football, Basketball, Track & Field, Cross Country, or Wrestling, you need to have trust, loyalty, and faithfulness. Without these things, a team is no team at all. You must be able to trust one another and be loyal to them in order to work together properly with great ease.

Hans Epp (10) said, "Loyalty is important for sports because the whole team must perform well in order for you to be successful, and without loyalty there is no success."

Faithfulness is defined as being steady in allegiance or affliction, and as we all know very well, sports are filled with constant ups and downs that test their steadfastness. Every member of the team has his/her own responsibilities that he/she is entrusted with that each must do his/her best to accomplish, no matter what challenging circumstances face them. That is a part of being on a team.

Mr. Carl Ostrand said, "I try and foster loyalty among my team by allowing teammates to work through difficult challenges together." Coaches often encourage their players to hang out both on and off the court in order to create tight bonds between the players and to develop the respect for one another that promotes loyalty to the team.

Another aspect that a team should have is unselfishness. Everyone wants to be "in the spot light" or the "most important player", but a true teammate is not selfish. You must do your best, your goal not being to put yourself in the spotlight, but to better your team. **Derek Rose (11)** said, "Selflessness in sports is key because all sports have aspects of team play in some way or another, and whenever a few are lifted up, most are put down."

Philippians 2:1-4 (NKJV) says, "Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, in any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others." The sports teams at NC seek to live out these verses through their play.

-Bekah Mead (11)



Levi Landrigan (12) attempts to make an under the basket lay up. Landrigan was a key senior leader throughout the basketball season, encouraging the team on and off the court to give their all for Christ.

Cailyn Ostrand (10), Amber Mazankowski (9), Katie Griess (11), Heidi Hofmann (11), and Hannah Rogers (12) huddle up on the court to refocus. Getting refocused was key for the Lady Eagles, as they had a tendency to get themselves into an emotional hole that was hard to get out of.

Luke Woods (12) scans the field as **Isaac Elge (12)** prepares to block for him. Woods finished the season receiving second team all district offense and second team all area honors.

Matthew Swanson (9) tries to gain control of his opponent from on top. Swanson had a good first season, where he learned a lot that will help him through the remainder of his high school wrestling career.

Cross Count



What is the best aspect of Cross Country?

The best thing about cross country is the friendships you develop with the other runners. We are all like family!

-Rachel McHargue (10)

Running makes you healthy, and the fresh air is good on the lungs.

-Matt Kim (11)

I like working together as a team and encouraging each other.

-Neil Lin (11)

Boone Central
Loup City
Central City
Boone Central Individual
UNK
Hastings-Saint Cecelia
Districts (David City)
State (Kearney)

- **Jahn Landrigan (11), Hans Epp (10), and Warren Dexter (9)** lunge from the starting line at the state cross country meet. Landrigan said, "Running at State Cross Country was a great experience for me as well as the team. I think it gave us a chance to show what we worked all season for, and I am proud of the team and our achievements together." The boys team finished as state runners up.

- Summoning her last reserves of strength, **Meagen Dittmer (9)** strides toward the finish line. Dittmer ran cross country at Central City last year before transferring to Nebraska Christian.

- **Matt Kim (11), Neil Lin (11), and Adrian Epp (9)** display their strong running ability during a timed mile run. For the first time in the cross country program's history, the team held a mock race during the annual football Soap Scrimmage.

- **Jerron Tiemeyer (9)** focuses intently on persevering towards the finish. Tiemeyer improved greatly throughout the season and was one of the boys' team members who competed in the state meet.

- Despite the cold and rain, **Katherine Welk (11), Chloe Bauer (11), and Zoe Flynn (10)** continue to run strong at the Central City meet. The frigid weather created issues with warming up and cramping, which made running difficult.

- Cross Country Team. Front to back, from left; Row 1 (Junior high team): Andrew Winsterman (7), Matthew Myers (8), Cameron Langemeyer (8), Zac Dockweiler (7). Row 2: Neil Lin (11), Matt Kim (11), Jahn Landrigan (11), Warren Dexter (9), Hans Epp (10), Jerron Tiemeyer (9), Adrian Epp (9). Row 3: Coach Janet Landrigan, Tori Swanson (11), Katherine Welk (11), Chloe Bauer (11), Rachel McHargue (10), Ency Chen (11), Meagen Dittmer (9), Dana Poppe (10).



Overcoming Obstacles

Boys' team strives to defend championship

Cross country: dreaded by most, loved by few; only a truly dedicated and determined athlete will endure miles and miles of hardcore running. Braving all varieties of weather, cramps, and the ever-so-terrible hills, a runner must put all negative thoughts aside, focus on God, and strive towards the goal. The theme verse for the 2011 team was Isaiah 40:31: "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." This inspirational verse gave many a runner the strength to carry on, knowing that God would see them through. **Ency Chen (11)** often found this verse very helpful in times of adversity. "When I'm running, and I get tired and feel like I can't go on, I remind myself to run for the glory of God and focus on Him," she said.

Other obstacles arose besides

fatigue. The boys team faced the pressure of being returning champions. Also, they suffered the loss of four seniors, all of whom were key in nabbing the state title last year. Top runner **Hans Epp (10)** acknowledged the pressure, but saw it as beneficial. "There was definitely a lot of pressure this year. I knew that **Jahn [Landrigan (11)]** and I had to step it up and be strong leaders and good examples for the younger runners. We had pressure, but it was a good pressure that urged us on and helped build our character and skill as runners." The boys' season was very successful despite the obstacles. They placed several times as a team, and to top the season off, finished as state runners up, missing the state title by one point. The glory of their victories ultimately goes to God, though. Without Him, the ability to run, let alone breathe, would be obsolete.

-**Tori Swanson (11)**



Volleyball



An Oops Moment

One game, the ball was coming towards me, and instead of it being an easy pass, the ball stuck right in between my arms.

-Taylor Van Pelt (9)

Colliding with **Joanna Stuhmer (12)** during the volleyball scrimmage and flipping in the air was fun! Wait, no, that hurt!

-Katie Griess (11)

I got to the game and realized that I left my volleyball shoes and knee pads in the locker room at school.

-Talia Murphy (10)

Palmer 0-2
Heartland Lutheran 3-0
High Plains 3-0
Burwell 0-2
Elba/NLS 0-2
Osceola 2-3
Heartland Lutheran 2-0
Giltner 0-2

Mead 0-2
Hampton 0-2
Arcadia 0-2
Heartland Lutheran 3-0
Spalding/SA 1-2
Fullerton 2-0
Newman Grove 0-2
St. Edward 2-0

Lindsay Holy Family 0-2
Dodge 0-2
High Plains 1-2
Spalding/SA 0-3
Heartland 0-3
Cedar Valley 0-3
Cross County 1-3
JV Record: 4-9

- **Emily Simmons (9), Hannah Rogers (12), and Victoria Boersen (10)** send friendly banter back and forth across the net during the scrimmage at the beginning of the season. Joking around with one another led to team bonding.

- **Hannah Rogers (12)** jump serves the ball over the net, hoping for an ace. Rogers's serves led to many points for the Lady Eagles.

- **Katie Griess (11)** looks on as **Amber Mazankowski (9)** lobs the ball over the net onto the opposing side of the court for a kill. Mazankowski landed many impressive kills over the length of the season.

- **Heidi Hofmann (11)** dives for the ball, attempting to save it from hitting the gym floor. After many days in practice, Hofmann finally began to get the hang of the roll and by the end of the season had it perfected.

- **Lydia Johnson (9), Taylor Van Pelt (9), Victoria Boersen (10), and Malia Rogers (9)** celebrate after an ace serve. The girls practiced serving aggressively, which began to pay off at the end of the season.

Volleyball Team. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Coach Tonya Ostrand, student manager Claire Ostrand (6), student manager Cassidy Ostrand (8), student manager Katie Cumpston (8), student manager Alexis Hower (8), Assistant Coach Steph Mazankowski. Row 2: Mia Dinh (11), Victoria Boersen (10), Talia Murphy (10), Lydia Johnson (9), Malia Rogers (9), Rae Zhong (10), Rachel Whittle (10), Vicky Zhang (11). Row 3: Emily Simmons (9), Amber Mazankowski (9), Cailyn Ostrand (10), Katie Griess (11), Heidi Hofmann (11), Hannah Rogers (12), Joanna Stuhmer (12), Bekah Mead (11), Ashley Mazankowski (11).

Developing Relationships

Volleyball girls' camaraderie leads to unity

Matthew 12:25 (NKJ) says, "But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: 'Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.'" Unity is essential for any team to become great. This season, the Lady Eagles worked hard trying to develop team unity. Each day in practice the girls pushed themselves and strove to improve both as a team and as individuals.

The seniors also decided to start a new activity that they felt would help bond the team: Secret Sisters. Every girl drew a teammate's name out of a hat, and from that point on until the end of the season they were to secretly shower her with encouraging notes and gifts. **Joanna Stuhmer (12)** noted, "We wanted to bond as a team not only in practice, but also out

of practice. Having Secret Sisters is one of the things we did that helped bring us girls together." Another way that they bonded was through a few after practice get-togethers at a pre-selected house. These occasions consisted of food, fellowship, and most importantly team togetherness. Since everyone lived in so many different directions, these meals were a great opportunity for the team to bond outside of school.

The Lady Eagles also shared another very powerful bond with one another. They were sisters in Christ, which is truly the greatest bond any two people can have. **Hannah Rogers (12)** summed up the season, saying, "Although it was not the most successful season, God used it to teach us life lessons that we can apply outside the court."

-Bekah Mead (11)



Football



Favorite Play of the Season

My favorite play of the season was **Luke Woods's (12)** insane scramble against Randolph for a touchdown.

-Levi Landrigan (12)

The hook-and-ladder play **Coach (Andy) Falk** called in one of our J.V. games was awesome!

-Alex Frederick (11)

The QB run I had in one of our J.V. games was my favorite. It was a designed QB draw, and I took it all the way.

-Turner Bowman (9)

Shelton 12-18
Harvard 46-6
Silver Lake 52-14
High Plains 56-22
Heartland 66-34
East Butler 30-12

Fullerton 34-14
Newman Grove 64-30
Randolph 48-0
Creighton 6-36
JV: 1-3

● **Curtis Heuermann (11)** prepares to snap the football to **Luke Woods (12)** as the other Eagle linemen get down in their stances. Heuermann and the rest of the linemen were outmatched size-wise against most of their opponents; however, their tenacity and determination more than made up for their lack of size.

● **Tanner Cooper (11)** attempts to break away for a long run as a defender struggles to hang on to him. Cooper and the other running backs continued to strive and improve their abilities throughout the season.

● **Luke Woods (12)** breaks away from a defender and keeps running to score a touchdown. Throughout the season, Woods found ways to spark the team by turning plays that were going nowhere into momentum changing plays.

● **Isaac Elge (12)** sprints towards the end zone before any Randolph defender can tackle him. Elge carried a large load out of the backfield and proved hard to tackle despite being undersized compared to most of his opponents.

● **Curtis Heuermann (11), Levi Landrigan (12), Andrew Swanson (12), and Luke Woods (12)** swarm to the ball carrier to prevent him from finding room to run. Toughness on the part of the Eagle defense this year played a huge role in the success of the team.

● **Football Team.** Front to back, from left; Row 1: Zach Brock (9), Levi Elge (9), Jerod Prettyman (9), Myles Wheeler (9), Jayden Epp (9), Matthew Swanson (9), Dusty Whisenand (9), Turner Bowman (9), student manager Trevor Swanson (8). Row 2: Alex Frederick (11), Braden Moody (11), Scott Smith (10), Tim Smith (10), Brandon Brock (10), Shyler Boutin (9), Sam Davis (9), Andrew Sack (9), student manager Jaydon Elge (7). Row 3: Tanner Cooper (11), James Lee (11), James Royle (11), Jacob Winsterman (11), Curtis Heuermann (11), Anthony Faeh (11), Jeff Hilderbrand (11), Derek Rose (11), Soonchan Jung (12). Row 4: Sebastian Chang (12), Tym Whisenand (12), Andrew Swanson (12), Isaac Elge (12), Luke Woods (12), Levi Landrigan (12), Cody Smith (12), Jonny Smith (12), Jacob Simmons (12). Row 5: Assistant Coach Clay Mankin, Kemery Myers (11), Kameron Kaelin (12), Head Coach Carl Ostrand. Not Pictured: Chase Kvols (10).



The Real Rewards

Team bonds on and off the field

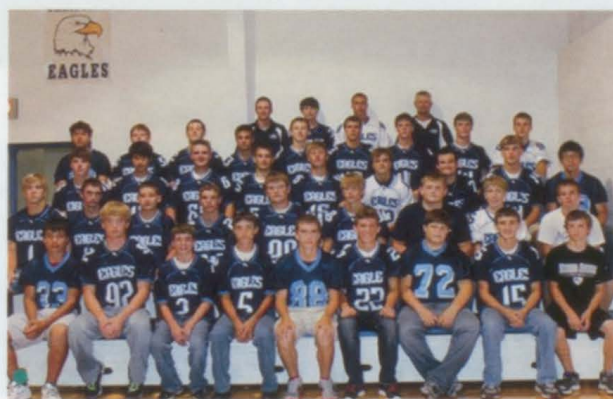
In the past several years, the Nebraska Christian Eagle football team has worked long and hard but came up short in some key games. This year, however, was a different story. Led by a strong, tight-knit group of seniors who had seen their fair share of ups and downs, the team experienced the bountiful reward that comes with hard work, patience, and perseverance. However, the players were not quick to point to themselves for the success they experienced this season; instead, they pointed to each other and, most importantly, to God. "Instead of focusing on winning every single game, we focused more on our growth in Christ. Rather than working to fulfill our selfish desires, we wanted to just give God all the glory," stated **Kemery Myers (11)**.

In the previous three seasons, the Eagles won a total of five games. This year, God blessed them with seven regular season wins, a district championship, and a 48-0 win over Randolph in the playoffs. The on-field success was great, but the Eagles

were more concerned with becoming better young men and improving their friendships with each other. Throughout the entire season, the Eagles bonded together and experienced virtually no problems with class-to-class barriers. The players enjoyed practicing together and hanging out whether they were freshmen or seniors. This bond between the players greatly contributed to the success of the season. **Cody Smith (12)** said, "The unity of our team helped us grow together both spiritually and physically, and it helped us accomplish more than we ever thought possible."

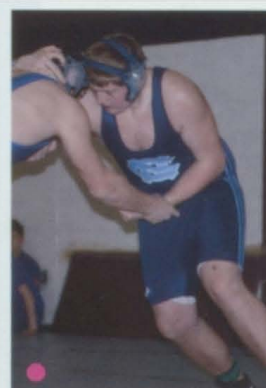
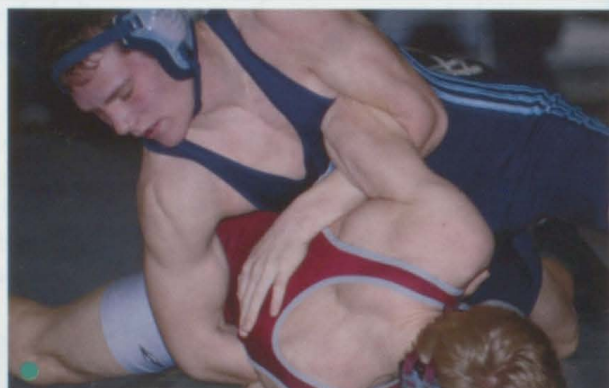
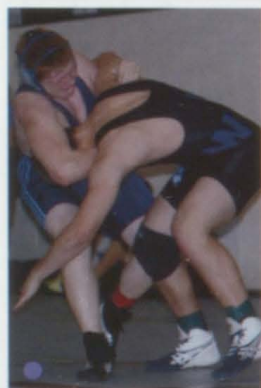
Whenever times got tough or adversity struck the team, the team prevailed because of the bond between teammates and the strong leadership of the senior class. The Eagles on the 2011 team will always remember the success they had on the field, but what they will really take away from the season is character growth and lifelong friendships.

—**Andrew Swanson (12)**



Football

Wrestling



Favorite Match of the Year

When I was wrestling the second seed at Osceola, I was a major underdog, but I won by the grace of God.

-Dusty Whisenand (9)

At Cross County, I came from behind to beat a wrestler from David City by a late reversal.

-Matthew Swanson (9)

At districts, I won my heartbreak match, which got me to state, by two points.

-Tym Whisenand (12)

Harvard
Osceola
Kearney Catholic
Newman Grove
Elgin
Cross County

Neligh-Oakdale
Cedar Valley
Boone Central
District (Columbus)
State (Omaha)

- **Isaac Elge (12)** quickly secures the take down in the State Finals. Elge competed extremely well at the State Meet taking home second place.

- **Tym Whisenand (12)** throws in a head chaunce on his opponent, tossing him to the ground. Whisenand's efforts proved profitable, propelling him to the state meet.

- Turning his opponent with an arm bar, **Andrew Swanson (12)** hopes for some back points and possibly a pin.

- **Sam Davis (9)** uses collar ties to gain an advantage in his match. As a first year wrestler, Davis made tremendous strides during the course of the season.

- **Carson Huenefeld (9)**, using a power half, pins his opponent to the mat. Huenefeld fiercely competed the entire season, leading to much success.

- Wrestling Team. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Isaac Elge (12), Carson Huenefeld (9), Andrew Swanson (12). Row 2: Head Coach Terry Elge, Coach's Aide Chris Schweitzer, Student Manager Jessica Davis (12), Student Manager Shelisa Boutin (12), Student Manager Jaydon Elge (7), Coach's Aide Scott Gripenstroh. Row 3: Tym Whisenand (12), Dusty Whisenand (9), Sam Davis (9), Matt Swanson (9), Tim Smith (10).

Grappling with Youth

Young grapplers gel and find success

In 2012, the dynamic of the **Isaac Elge (12)** and **Andrew Swanson (12)** reaching over 30 wins. During the season, each wrestler worked hard to improve himself and each other, resulting in **Tym Whisenand (12)** and Elge making state in their weight classes. However, the results of the grapplers and coaches hard work was not only evident on the mat. As **Tim Smith (10)** put it, "Wrestling taught me discipline that I could use in my everyday life. It also made me realize how unhealthy I was eating." So, because of this season, the wrestlers not only became better athletes, but men as well.

-Andrew Swanson (12)



Boys' Basketball



What was your favorite locker room memory?

I would have to say the locker room party after the Harvard win...that was crazy!

-Derek Rose (11)

My favorite memory was playing baseball with a golf club and a tennis ball in the locker room.

-Cody Smith (12)

I liked the locker room after we won at subdistricts.

-Neil Lin (11)

St. Edward 51-30
Heartland Lutheran 36-61
High Plains 28-72
St. Edward 37-22
Dodge 20-47
Parkview Christian 24-38
Fullerton 42-53
Elba-North Loup-Scotia 53-45
Osceola 42-49

Spalding/SA 43-53
Cedar Valley 34-40
Heartland 28-41
Harvard 54-45
Cedar Valley 46-55
Nebraska Lutheran 42-38
Palmer 40-48
Burwell 36-56
Shelby-Rising City 40-37

Shelby-Rising City 51-41
Twin River 26-64

JV Record: 2-11

- Driving the ball under the basket, **Luke Woods (12)** expertly glides up and lays the ball in the hoop. Although the Woods family moved to Houston, Luke returned to play basketball and football with his teammates.

- Kemery Myers (11)** calls for the ball on the block as he posts his man up. Despite playing guard the previous year and being smaller than opposing posts, Myers did an excellent job filling in at post throughout the season.

- Shaking loose from his man, **Levi Landrigan (12)** looks to dish the ball to a teammate as he drives along the baseline. He said, "One of the most important goals for this year was to play hard no matter the score or outcome, and honestly I don't think I could have achieved this goal without the help of my teammates."

- Jerry Vuong (12)** takes the ball strong into contact to draw a foul. Vuong brought a level of maturity and experience to the Junior Varsity team, being a senior player.

- Giving his troops last minute instructions before the start of the game, **Coach Clay Mankin** sends his starting five out for the tip. These quick conferences before the game were sources of encouragement and instruction for the players.

- Boys' Basketball Team. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Jerry Vuong (12), Kyle Bui (11), Tanner Bowman (9), Ethan Unruh (9), Seth Bailey (12), Jay Han (12), Wai Ng (12). Row 2: Alex Frederick (11), Tim Fread (10), Neil Lin (11), Jahn Landrigan (11), Derek Rose (11), Sebastian Chang (12), Jack Hu (10), Kemery Myers (11). Row 3: Assistant Coach Mark Leonard, Levi Landrigan (12), Luke Woods (12), Jonny Smith (12), Cody Smith (12), Kameron Kaelin (12), Matt Kim (11), Dat Nguyen (12), Head Coach Clay Mankin.



Team tussles with challenges of season

Attending Nebraska Christian Schools comes with certain perks: A Christ-centered curriculum, a great staff committed to the growth of the student body, students who care about academics and athletics, and to top it off a great view in every direction of...corn. Unfortunately, state funding is not one of them. This inescapable lack of funding hits the school and its students in many ways, but one particular lack is near and dear to NC ballers, both current and alums: the gym floor. **Jonny Smith (12)**, who played on the gym floor for four years, said: "One of the most frustrating things about playing on our floor was every time I tried to do a jump stop I ended up doing a jump slide. And referees don't appreciate that much."

The gym floor has seen its fair share of abuse over the years. The floor was put in in 1992 and last refinished in May 2011, and despite the staff and students' best efforts, the wear and tear has become evident. The gym is used for volleyball, boys' and girls' basketball, track, and elementary

recess, giving the floor plenty of foot traffic and punishment each year. The effect on the teams is a comical lack of ability to stop and cut when trying to play.

The team faced many more obstacles than just the gym floor; however, the court had an undeniable effect on how the team played. However, the gym didn't just affect the Eagles; teams who came to play them also had to adjust to playing on the gym floor. **Tim Fread (10)** said, "When teams come to play us on our court on the surface it may look fine but when they get on it they can tell the difference. So the gym is kind of like our secret weapon. But we all play on the same floor so it evens out in the end."

For the boys basketball team in 2011, the gym didn't destroy their season or severely hamper their chances of winning. Adversity couldn't define the Eagles in 2011, as in the end, they did indeed get their grip.

-Seth Bailey (12)



Boys' Basketball

Girls' Basketball



Best basketball memories

"When **Amber (Mazankowski [9])** and **Bekah (Mead [11])** were running snickers, an out-of-bounds play, when they collided and crashed to the floor."

-Shawna Ritta (11)

"We were confused during the JV game, and went to the wrong end of the court to play defense, and the other team took the ball and scored."

-Heidi Hofmann (11)

"The Osceola game when **Ashley (Mazankowski [11])** passed the ball to me and I did a jump-stop and made it, or when Gordon wears his tall socks!"

-Amber Mazankowski (9)

St. Edward 23-46
Heart. Luth. 47-45
High Plains 52-24
St. Edward 37-46
Dodge 29-51
Parkview Chr. 19-56
Fullerton 54-43

NLS/Elba 21-50
Osceola 42-38
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Cedar Valley 30-52
Heartland 28-56
Harvard 32-29
Cedar Valley 20-61

NE Luth. 43-30
Shelby 29-59
Palmer 40-46
Cross County 36-48
JV record: 6-4

Ashley Mazankowski (11) keeps the ball from dribbling by her while Emily Simmons (9) backs her up to keep the ball from reaching the hoop.

Cailyn Ostrand (10) dribbles down the court heading straight for the basket. Ostrand had the role of point guard and stepped right up to the plate and took control of the ball.

Dribbling around the opposing team, Heidi Hofmann (11) gets ready to take a break for the basket. Hoffman was a great help for the team with an attitude of improving herself, which helped the team grow.

Savannah Clapper (12) boxes out under the basket during a free throw. Clapper made the season fun with her bright smile everyday but also encouraged and challenged the girls to evaluate the purpose behind why the team played basketball.

The team gathers around to pray with their competitors after their game. This is one of the ways the girls shared their faith with the players from the opposing schools.

The 2012 Nebraska Christian Girls' Basketball Team. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Student Manager Claire Ostrand (6), Student Manager Cassidy Ostrand (8), Savannah Clapper (12), Joanna Stuhmer (12), Student Manager Alexis Hower (8), Sarah Simmons (7). Row 2: Amber Mazankowski (9), Ashley Mazankowski (11), Heidi Hofmann (11), Katie Griess (11), Bekah Mead (11), Cailyn Ostrand (10), Emily Simmons (9). Row 2: Head Coach Gordon Thiessen, Anna Kirby (11), Lydia Johnson (9), Maddie Kirby (9), Shawna Ritta (11), Hannah Mead (9), Nala Squally Gomez (9), Malia Rogers (9), Assistant Coach Tonya Ostrand.



Praising Him

Glorifying God is the season's aim

"Praise Him!": what a saying to live by! The girls' basketball team had a tradition. Right before they played, the girls gathered around and yelled "Glorify!" After the game, they gathered around again, and this time they shouted, "Praise Him!" This wasn't just a tradition, it was their hearts. Praising God put into perspective the point of playing and living. Everything that the players should focus on is glorifying God. That was what the girls kept in mind: Basketball isn't just about the games; it's about the practices leading up to those moments. The girls went on the court with leadership and enthusiasm as they practiced and performed.

Keeping Christ in the forefront of their minds, the team grew as a whole and continued to grow as they overcome many injuries to multiple players. There was a feeling of maturity among the players as they overcame the setbacks. There were many people who stepped up to fill the need, two of them being the freshman starters (Emily Simmons

[9], and Amber Mazankowski [9]). Of the leadership on the team, Simmons said, "There was always somebody there to push you, improve you, encourage you, and to help you keep your motives on glorifying the Lord."

The team's competitions showed them yet another way to glorify the Lord, by challenging them in their intentions and making them watch their actions while playing. When commenting on this year's basketball, Joanna Stuhmer (12) said, "We had very good competition this year. It allowed us to find our strength and weaknesses. Through that, we were able to work on them in practices and win games that we have not been able to win in the past." Not only would the girls glorify the Lord by their intentions and actions, but by praying with the team they had just competed against.

The girls ended their season with not just a total of wins or losses, but a passion for the sport, their fellow teammates, and their God.

-Savannah Clapper (12)



Girls Basketball

Track & Field



What impressed you throughout the season?

The intensity that everybody brings to practice, and that they all have the desire to do good.

-Taylor Van Pelt (9)

The effort that everyone put out...on the distance side.

-Hans Epp (10)

Everyone's attitude for the track and the encouragements that they give, and the ladders.

-Vicky Zhang (11)

Concordia College Indoor
Merrick County Invitational
Pleasanton Dick O'Neill Invitational
Fullerton Invitational
High Plains Invitational

Palmer Invitational
Goldenrod Conference (Burwell)
St. Edward Invitational
Districts (Cross County)
State (Omaha Burke)

● **Hans Epp (10), Warren Dexter (9), and Jahn Landrigan (11)** run in the two mile at the conference track meet at Burwell. The three of them crossed the finish line at the same time, repeating what was done in the same event last year.

● **Savannah Clapper (12)** winds up and prepares to release the discus into the air. Clapper was a valuable addition to the NC track team.

● **Turner Bowman (10)** leaps off of the ground over the high jump bar to land on the mat without knocking off the bar. Bowman helped the team with relays, 400 meter dash, and high jump.

● **Carson Huenefeld (9)** bounds off of the runway towards the sandpit in the longjump. Huenefeld also ran in the 100 meter dash and placed first at the Conference Track meet.

● **Amber Mazankowski (9)** starts off her 400 meter dash with her powerful stride. Mazankowski ran in multiple events through out her season, helping the team in field and running events.

● The 2012 Nebraska Christian Track and Field Team. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Rachel Whittle (10), Savannah Clapper (12), Joanna Stuhmer (12), Talia Murphy (10), Rae Zhong (10), Natalie Bui (10), Ency Chen (11), Vicky Zhang (11). Row 2: Meagen Dittmer (9), ShayeLeigh Cooper (9), Amber Mazankowski (9), Cailyn Ostrand (10), Lindsey Ngo (11), Taylor Van Pelt (9), Rachel McHargue (10), Tori Swanson (11), Ashley Mazankowski (11), Bekah Mead (11). Row 3: Levi Landrigan (12), Hans Epp (10), Jahn Landrigan (11), Jack Hu (10), Jerron Tiemeyer (9), Kameron Kaelin (12), Dat Nguyen (12), Kyle Bui (11), Carson Huenefeld (9), Tanner Cooper (11). Row 4: Turner Bowman (9), Levi Elge (9), Myles Wheeler (9), Warren Dexter (9), Ethan Unruh (9), Matthew Swanson (9), Ichiro Hokazono (10), Matt Kim (11), Derek Rose (11).

Measure of Success

Individuals work toward team goals

Track and Field is a unique sport. It lets the athletes not only say what they can accomplish, but makes them prove it on the competition field. The participants have to perform that specific day and are rewarded for their efforts accordingly. The sport not only is an individual event, but what makes it even more defined is the team aspect. Each individual's scores go into the team pot where they are

then placed as a team.

Each member added specific aspects to the team to make this year successful. To measure success is a difficult thing to do, and how the team focused on doing that was through personal goals and leadership throughout the team. By each member applying all their efforts to a specific area of the sport and giving the glory to God is what made this season successful.

—Savannah Clapper (12)



Junior High Sports



Favorite Junior High Sports memory?

Beating the girls in basketball scrimmages!

-Andrew Winsterman (7)

During volleyball when we beat High Plains in the third set!

-Katie Cumpston (8)

Playing the girls in volleyball...and winning!

-Trevor Swanson (8)

Volleyball
Cross Country
Football
Basketball
Wrestling
Track

- **Juan Lasso (7)** prepares for the beginning of his match. Junior high wrestling gives students the opportunity to decide if they would like to pursue the sport in high school.
- **Logan Faeh (8)** goes up for a jump shot during a junior high basketball game. Junior high boys were able to participate in two sports during the winter season: basketball and wrestling.
- Rejoicing over an ace serve, **Cassidy Ostrand (8), Alexis Hower (8), and Katie Cumpston (8)** cheer on their teammates.
- Charging for the finish line, **Andrew Winsterman (7)** summons his last reserves of energy. Junior highers who wanted to participate in cross country often practiced with the high school team.
- The junior high girls' basketball team gathers around Coach Tonya Ostrand prior to the game. The girls played with much enthusiasm.

- Junior High sports students. Front to back, left to right; Row 1: Sarah Simmons (7), Marilla Flynn (7), Hailee Broman (7), McKenna Bolanos (7). Row 2: Cole Ruybalid (7), Juan Lasso (7), Andrew Winsterman (7), Jaydon Elge (7). Row 3: Cassidy Ostrand (8), Rubi McHargue (8), Sharina Boutin (8), Katie Cumpston (8), Alexis Hower (8), Hannah Tweenen (8). Row 4: Carson Falk (8), Logan Faeh (8), Dillon Rose (8), Trevor Swanson (8), Zac Dockweiler (8), Matthew Myers (8), Cameron Langemeier (8).



Sampling Sports

Students explore their sporting options

Junior high is a time for experiencing new things: new classes, new teachers, and new sports. At Nebraska Christian, junior high students are able to learn a variety of sports, and once they get to high school, they can choose whether or not to continue participating in those sports.

In junior high PE class, all students learn the fundamentals of each sport. The boys play tackle football, wrestling, basketball and track, while the girls participate in volleyball, basketball, and track. Then, when it comes time for competition, each student can choose whether or not to compete. Some students also elect to participate in cross country. Those students practice with the high school team after school and run their own races during the high school meets. This arrangement allows students to try out multiple

sports—or in the case of track, multiple events—before deciding which ones to devote their time to in high school.

Another benefit to playing junior high sports is that many contests take place during the school day. While Mondays were the preferred day for junior high sports (since NC students usually did not have school on Monday), often volleyball or basketball games were scheduled mid-week, which allowed students to miss their afternoon classes. And track meets nearly always took students out of a full day of school, which the junior highers appreciated. "I have fun on track meet days!" said **Hannah Tweenen (8)**.

Through junior high sports, students were able to expand their horizons while looking forward to high school competition.

—Miss Becky Ritta



Junior High Sports



Pink (adj.): energy, passion,
enthusiasm.

dactivities

Ebullient Pink

Dash of enthusiastic pink enlightens the mood of activities

When the color pink is mentioned, people mostly think of princesses and flowers. Though pink can be quite soft compared to other strong colors, it can also be interpreted as enthusiastic and energetic. And these two words are exactly the right adjectives to describe the 2011-2012 activities.

From participation in a array of activities to the willingness to work hard and achieve high, students have demonstrated great passion and fully lived the meaning of enthusiastic pink. The students' great motivation compelled them to perform well in activities such as Drama, Music, Quiz Bowl, Student Council and Yearbook. Explaining why the yearbook staff is able to be energetic when performing tasks, **Seth Bailey (12)** said: "I think one of the reasons we can be enthusiastic in Yearbook is because we are allowed to be free-spirited and express ourselves through the medium of journalism." Similarly, **Savannah Clapper (12)** commented on the high energy level in Drama: "People generally had great energy overall but especially when we played drama-related games; and I think our great energy made us into a great group of performers on stage."

This enthusiasm also brought great success to the speech team throughout the season. Returning from a great conference speech meet, seven members of the speech team qualified for the State competition. The team also earned the runner-up trophy. On the success she enjoyed as she, **Hannah Rogers (12)** said "Speech is one of the most tiring and rewarding high school activities. Going to State gave me an extra opportunity to bond with both my friends and my coaches."

The melody of passion for the artistry of music swept the choir and band students as well. Besides outwardly expressing the song of their heart through performing, students also honor God in the choral messages. **Beran Fisher (10)** said "I love being able to worship God through band and choir every day."

From Yearbook to music, the spirit of a ebullient pink flows freely among the students and their enthusiastic participation. Altogether with a readiness to boldly perform for God, this enthusiasm encouraged students greatly during 2011-2012 school year.

-Joey Sun (12)



Enjoying a sip of some Starbucks coffee, **Joanna Stuhmer (12)**, **Miss Becky Ritta** and **Seth Bailey (12)** discuss creative directions for the 2012 yearbook. It had become a tradition for the whole yearbook staff to go to the Walsworth Yearbook Conference and discover ways to develop the yearbook.

Refusing to listen to **Whitney Twogood (10)**'s lies, **Joey Sun (12)** presents an angry finger to Twogood, who tries to convince him of her innocence in their duet "Open to Interpretation." The duo won many medals, including the Conference Championship.

Wholeheartedly in character, **Savannah Clapper (12)** and **Sebastian Chang (12)** talk nonchalantly about the rehearsal in the play *Guilty as Pie*. On her participation in the play, Clapper said: "It makes you develop a sense of who you are when you play exactly who you are not."

Focusing on Maestro Eric Dale Knapp, **Braden Moody (11)**, **Alexis Hower (8)**, **Trevor Cumpston (5)**, and **Warren Dexter (9)** perform for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. For the past seven years, Knapp has flown to Central City from New York City to conduct the festival.

Great choruses of sound fill the Music and Worship room as the band warms up their instruments at the start of class. The 2011-2012 Nebraska Christian concert band had a very successful year at both the Conference and District music contests. They came home from Conference with superior ratings in concert band as well as other mixed small groups. **Chloe Bauer (11)** stated, "Conference music was a little 'iffy' and showed us that there was a lot of room for improvement before districts." When asked about the expectations for the band, Bauer noted, "This year's band clashed a bit and personalities showed in different ways compared to the years prior." However, all of their hard work paid off in the end when they received yet another superior rating at Districts. **Anthony Faeh (11)** said, "Band is a good way to express your inner soul, so go out for band, it's fun...sometimes!"

1 Corinthians 14:7-8(NKJV) says, "Even things without life, whether flute or harp, when they make a sound, unless they make a distinction in the sounds, how will it be known what is piped or played? For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle?" The band members kept these verses in mind as they prepared for their various concerts; each member of the band was important, and each had his/her own distinct role.

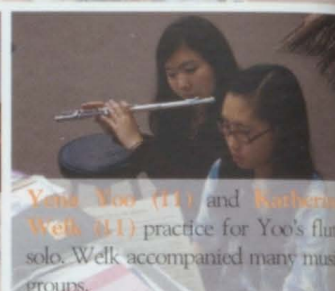
-Bekah Mead (11)



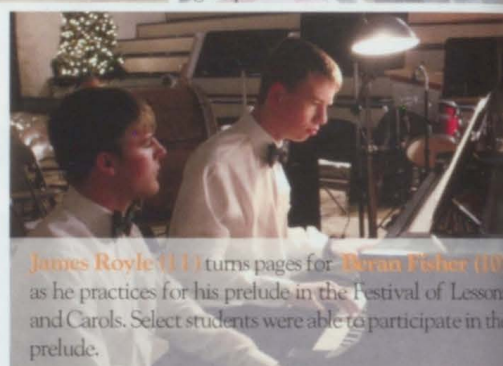
Warren Dexter (9) jams out on the trap set to a song during pep band. The band played during the warm ups of the varsity volleyball, football and basketball games throughout the school year.



The Concert band plays one of their songs for Conference music. Conference music was a great day for both band and choir.



Yena Yoo (11) and **Katherine Welk (11)** practice for Yoo's flute solo. Welk accompanied many music groups.



James Royle (11) turns pages for **Devan Fisher (10)** as he practices for his prelude in the Festival of Lessons and Carols. Select students were able to participate in the prelude.

Hard Work

Band students aim for improvement

If you were an instrument, what would you be?

- A piano because I would have no excuse for losing my keys.

-Katherine Welk (11)

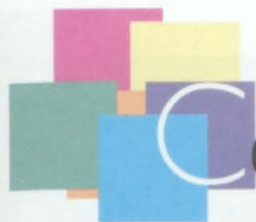
- I would be a snare drum because they are awesome!

-Warren Dexter (9)

- I would want to be a flute because it is so light and energetic.

-Chloe Bauer (11)

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Consistency

Choir students keep it going

What is your favorite choir tour meal?

- Dannebrog. It was a pot-luck, but the people put effort into making good food. It was just amazing!

—Joanna Stuhmer (12)

- The last choir tour had some sort of really good cheesy macaroni.

—Maddie Kirby (9)

- All of it, except for the oniony potato salad!

—Jahn Landrigan (11)



Masters Musicians. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Katherine Welk (11), Victoria Boersen (10), Hannah Myers (10), Anthony Fach (11), Hans Epp (10), Derek Rose (11), April Fach (10). Row 2: Kim Deichmann (11), Whitney Twogood (10), Scott Smith (10), Neil Lin (11), Curtis Heuermann (11), James Royle (11), Jahn Landrigan (11), Anna Kirby (11), Heidi Hofmann (11). Row 3: Savannah Clapper (12), Sebastian Chang (12), Joey Sun (12), Isaac Elge (12), Levi Landrigan (12), Hannah Rogers (12), Joanna Stuhmer (12), Jessica Davis (12).



Katherine Welk (11) and Joey Sun (12) sing their contest piece "The Prayer." This song was especially difficult because it required them to sing in English and Italian.



The choir performs "Great, Great Morning" at graduation. The song has been a favorite of many NC choirs.



Sebastian Chang (12) sings "Liza Jane" at the Spring Concert. Chang's stylings caused some to compare him to a young Michael Buble.

Not to be out-done by the band, the choir also worked hard on their music selections. For the past three years, the Nebraska Christian Choir received a "one," which is a superior rating, and plaque at the District music contest. In 2012, the choir went on to make it four. This was an exciting event for Mr. Mike Flynn as well as the graduating senior class. **Levi Landrigan (12)** said, "Receiving a plaque every year during my high school music career has been special, but that is nothing compared to the ways God has used our choir and **Mr. Mike Flynn** in our concerts and choir tours." Choir tours have always been a great experience for the students, and the 2012 tour seemed to be just as powerful. First year student **Savannah Clapper (12)** said, "You don't really realize that the choir songs bless the people like they do, and I got equally blessed; you can feel God's presence as you sing." The NC choir touched the hearts and lives of many people and will hopefully continue to bless the lives of everyone around for years to come. Colossians 3:16 (NKJV) says, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." This remains the goal of Mr. Flynn and the choir.

—Bekah Mead (11)

Band & Choir

Speak now, or forever hold your "piece!" The 2012 Nebraska Christian Speech team was surely a mash of talent, eagerness, and the courage to speak. **Tori Swanson (11)** said "I am usually a pretty timid person, so going out for speech was a bit of a stretch for me. However, I was surprised how fun speech was, and I am really excited for the next season. Speech also helped me become a bolder person and discover a side of myself that I have never seen." Swanson, who played Margie in her OID *Rough it Honey*, indeed discovered an enraged side of herself that surprised many fellow students, as she often needed to scream for her character, which is contrary to her normal and quiet self. Though they might not have uncovered a new side of themselves, many other members of the speech team experienced the same courage and boldness Swanson did as the season went on.

Besides courage and boldness, team members also gained knowledge and friendship through doing speech. **Lindsey Ngo (11)** said "I originally joined the speech team to improve my conversational English skill. However, as the season went on, I also befriended many American students. For me, the whole experience was incredible and fun. I loved it." Knowledge and friendship, courage and boldness, together with sweat of hard work, empowered the 2012 Nebraska Christian speakers to boldly speak on and to never be afraid of speaking now.

-Joey Sun (12)



In an exchange of roles, **Rae Zhong (10)** picks the conversation to show **Vicky Zhang (11)** her disliking during their duet. Zhang said, "It was fun piece! Rae and I worked very well together, and we were both really excited for the achievements we enjoyed this season."



2012 Nebraska Christian Speech team from left: Row 1: Head Coach, Charisse Smith, Lindsey Ngo (11), Yena Yoo (11), Vicky Zhang (11), Ency Chen (11), Dana Poppe (10), Tori Swanson (11), Talia Murphy (10), Rachel McHargue (10), Whitney Twogood (10). Row 2: Natalie Bui (10), Kim Deichmann (11), Katherine Welk (11), Janet Song (12), Rae Zhong (10), Sophia Zhang (11), Shanna Bailey (11), Scott Smith (10), Assistant Coach Becky Ritta. Row 3: Neil Lin (11), Jeff Hilderbrand (11), Joey Sun (12), Hannah Rogers (12), Beran Fisher (10), Jahn Landrigan (11), Levi Landrigan (12), James Royle (11). Not Pictured: Michaela Church (10), Taylor Van Pelt (9).



Levi Landrigan (12) reacts to hearing that he qualified for state in persuasion. Landrigan also qualified in extemp.



In her serious prose piece, "A Question of Duty," **Yena Yoo (11)** portrays a struggling doctor who was asked to murder a newborn baby. Yoo won the conference with this piece and received the honor of being able to present it at the Advance Dessert.

Speak Now

Eagerness to proclaim

Most hilarious error?

- When I first did my OID, I said, "You are safe god," instead of the written line, "You are safe now."

-Talia Murphy (10)

- I said the wrong line, and it was pretty funny!

-Ency Chen (11)

- I started before the judge was ready one time!

-Natalie Bui (10)

Speech

Deathly Treats

Mystery wrapped in a pie

Dessert guilty pleasure?

- Ben and Jerry's ice cream. When it has peanut butter and caramel in it, because it's yummy and those are my favorite toppings! But it has a lot of sugar in it so it isn't good for me..

-Savannah Clapper (11)

- Beignets! Especially when it is covered in powder sugar. They are so good.

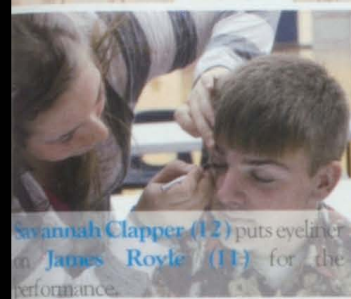
-Jeff Hilderbrand (11)

- Chocolate cake, because it tastes good!

-James Royle (11)



Receiving the knife from **Jessica Kim (12)**, **Janet Song (12)** smiles triumphantly as she prepares the next scene while **Vicky Zhang (11)** stands and looks on. Of her role in the play, Song said: "It's fun to play two characters, one of which is an annoying woman. I have always wanted to play a role like that."



Savannah Clapper (12) puts eyeliner on **James Royle (11)** for the performance.



Janet Song (12) confesses her crime of devouring a piece of pie while **Jeff Hilderbrand (11)**, **Miko Li (11)**, and **Jessica Kim (12)** listen to her excuses in surprise.



2011 Nichols Christian Drama team. Front to back, left to right: Row 1: Nala Squally-Gonzalez (9), Jessica Kim (12), Vicky Zhang (11), Janet Song (12). Row 2: Sebastian Chang (12), James Royle (11), Savannah Clapper (12), Jeff Hilderbrand (11).

The 2012 drama crew was certainly dedicated to getting their piece of the pie. This year, they presented an eerie murder mystery with a surprising twist, *Guilty as Pie*. The story revolved around a murder case that took place in a Bed and Breakfast. One dead host, and many guests who turned on each other in the fear of being arrested, left the detective in confusion. As the story unwrapped, audiences realized that the mystery itself was a play within a play. However, as the crew of the murder mystery went in

and out of rehearsal, the suspicious and mind-boggling atmosphere did not change in the least bit. Their favorite treat, which was to be served after a successful rehearsal, was missing. **Janet Song (12)** commented on this interesting twist, saying, "Besides the murder mystery, there is also the question of where did the pie go. The little twist within our play made drama so much more fun this year." Not only did the drama class get excited about the play, but the drama class in the play was also thrilled as they unfolded the story. **Sebastian Chang (12)** agreed, saying, "It was really fun to play two roles, but it was also challenging with the two story lines." By the time the truth finally came out, everyone on the drama class had satisfied themselves with the piece of dramatic and "deathly" treat that they had prepared.

-Joey Sun (12)

& Drama

At the very beginning of every school year, the school holds elections for the members of Student Council. Class officers are voted on, as well as those who will be in charge of the whole student body. The Student Council was comprised of a president, a vice president, a treasurer, and a secretary. This year, **Andrew Swanson (12)**, **Levi Landrigan (12)**, **Luke Woods (12)**, and **Kameron Kaelin (12)** fulfilled those roles, respectively.

The Student Council was responsible for organizing school functions such as pep rallies and ice cream socials. Swanson said, "Our focus this year was to have a lot of fun events and glorify God all while trying to balance the usual school schedule." Sometimes, the school schedule interfered with the Student Council's plans for activities. **Miss Becky Ritta**, the sponsor for the Student Council, said, "The officers had lots of good ideas, but we had trouble executing them."

But it wasn't always the Student Council's fault that plans didn't work out. For example, the annual Blood Drive was never held because the Red Cross had overbooked on the day the NC drive was to be held, and a suitable alternate date could not be found.

Despite some of the shortcomings, the Student Council still had success and put on lots of fun activities for the school. For example, Homecoming Week was planned out very well and the students enjoyed dressing up crazily for the different days. **Kim Deichmann (11)** said, "I didn't think the Student Council had any problems. I thought they did a very good job!" The 2012-2013 Student Council should note the successes and failures of 2011-2012 and learn from them. Ritta said, "There are definitely some things we need to rethink for next year." There are always things that need improvement in life, and Student Council was no exception.

-**Tori Swanson (11)**



Seth Bailey (12), Luke Woods (12), Jacob Simmons (12), Andrew Swanson (12), Levi Landrigan (12), Miss Becky Ritta, and Kameron Kaelin (12) set up for the ice cream social at the beginning of the year. The ice cream social was an annual event planned by the Student Council.



Levi Landrigan (12) reads off questions to Jacob Simmons (12) at the Quiz Bowl pep rally. Simmons competed against the Quiz Bowl team.



Isaac Elge (12) and Ty Whisenand (12) receive gifts from Andrew Swanson (12) to wish them well at the State Wrestling meet.



Student Council: Back to front, from left: Row 1: Andrew Swanson (12), Kameron Kaelin (12), Levi Landrigan (12), John Landrigan (11), Seth Bailey (12), Anthony Eash (10), Adrian Epp (9), Jacob Simmons (12). Row 2: Jaydon Eash (7), Trevor Swanson (8), Jessica Kim (8), Caitlyn Ostrand (10), Whitney Twogood (10). Not Pictured: Tori Swanson (11), Luke Woods (12).

Challenges

Student Council experiences setbacks

Who's your favorite political leader?

● Ronald Reagan because he brought the economy back, and he campaigned with traditional values.

-Neil Lin (11)

● Abraham Lincoln because he was a good Christian man, and he had an awesome beard and hat, and he helped free the slaves.

-Shanna Bailey (11)

● General Stonewall Jackson because he was such a man that soldiers love, he was stern but yet considerate. His men would follow him to whatever end. He was one of the greatest reasons the South was able to hold on to their freedom for so long.

-Adrian Epp (9)

Success

Quiz bowl team experiences a surplus of success

What is a really random fact?

- The first ice cream cone was invented when an ice cream make ran out of dishes and wrapped a waffle to make a waffle cone.

-**Beran Fisher** (10)

- After Steve Jobs co-founded Apple, became a millionaire, and was at the height of his career, he was fired in the 90's.

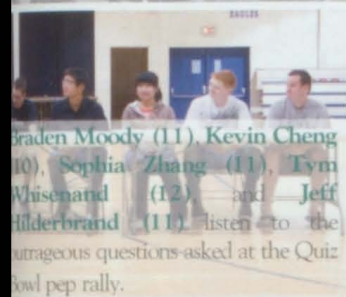
-**Tym Whisenand** (12)

- There are 35 bathrooms in the White House.

-**Jeff Hilderbrand** (11)



Kevin Cheng (10), **Jahn Landrigan** (11), **Kim Deichmann** (11), **Scott Smith** (10), **Levi Landrigan** (12), and **Sophia Zhang** (11) ponder the answer to a toss-up question at the State quiz bowl meet. This was the first year the quiz bowl team made it to State in the history of the school.



Braden Moody (11), **Kevin Cheng** (10), **Sophia Zhang** (11), **Tym Whisenand** (12), and **Jeff Hilderbrand** (11) listen to the outrageous questions asked at the Quiz Bowl pep rally.



Waiting for a question to be asked, the state Quiz Bowl team prepare to push the buzzers. Quiz Bowl not only depended on knowing facts, but also having fast reflexes to hit the buzzer first.



Quiz Bowl team. Back to front, from left, Row 1: **Braden Moody** (11), **Tym Whisenand** (12), **Jahn Landrigan** (11), **Beran Fisher** (10), **Kevin Cheng** (10), **Jeff Hilderbrand** (11). Row 2: **Mrs. Flynn** (coach), **Scott Smith** (10), **Kim Deichmann** (11), **Tori Swanson** (11), **Sophia Zhang** (11). Not pictured: **Levi Landrigan** (12).

The Nebraska Christian quiz bowl team experienced lots of success in 2012. First, the team snagged

the Conference title from Heartland Lutheran, the returning champions. **Kim Deichmann** (11) was the star of the team, answering several questions with finesse. "Part of it was who hit the button first, and I had fast reflexes apparently. I'm sure the other teams knew the answers too," said Deichmann. **Braden Moody** (11), a first-time high school quiz bowler, said, "It was fun seeing

the interesting facts and questions at the meet."

A few weeks later, the team traveled to Fullerton for the Regional Quiz Bowl meet. It was sort of like a "Districts" meet, as the first and second place teams qualified for the State Quiz Bowl meet. As the second place team, NC earned a state berth. The team competed well at state but didn't place. **Mrs. Dee Flynn**, the coach for the Quiz Bowl team, said, "It was an exciting year. We had a well-rounded team, and went further than we've ever gone before."

Quiz Bowl was a great opportunity for students to showcase what they have learned academically and where they are gifted intellectually. Flynn said, "I like having a competitive outlet for those strong in academics, and the kids really like it too. It was a lot of fun."

-**Tori Swanson** (11)

& Quiz Bowl

Why "Now in Technicolor?" What does that even mean? And why would anyone use that in a yearbook of all things? Excellent questions, all of which focus on the direction the 2011-12 yearbook staff took in the development of the yearbook. To find the answers one must look into the past at the last yearbook staff to find clarification on what exactly Technicolor is all about.

The roots of Technicolor sprung at the end of the 2010-2011 school year when that staff was informed that the next yearbook would make Nebraska Christian history by becoming the first full-color book in the school's history. "Getting to create a full color yearbook was definitely both a challenge and a blessing for me as a editor," said **Seth Bailey (12)**. The theme for the next yearbook was already set in place in May 2011 by incoming co-editors **Joey Sun (12)** and **Seth Bailey (12)**, who decided that color would be the focus of the yearbook. However it took a period of brainstorming with the whole staff at the beginning of the year before "Now in Technicolor" was coined. "There were definitely constructive arguments," said Sun. For the staff, "Now in Technicolor" ended up infecting the whole class, as it affected every area of yearbook, not just the design of the book itself. From selling ads to writing, to even the weird wacky things the staff did or said while they worked, Technicolor inspired the colorful individuals on the staff. Designing and finishing a yearbook in a year is not always easy, but it is definitely rewarding each and every year for the few individuals who choose to tackle the rewarding pursuit of yearbook, whether in black or white or color. Well, Technicolor, that is.

-Seth Bailey (12)



Enjoying their leisure time following Walsworth's yearbook conference, **Seth Bailey (12)**, **Bekah Mead (11)** and **Joey Sun (12)** spin on the merry-go-round while trying to maintain balance. The yearbook conference has always been one of the favorite events of the year for the staff, since they get a day off of school to spend time learning about yearbook trends and brainstorming about the year's book. "Spending time with my fellow yearbookers is awesome, especially when we do it in the park," said Sun.



Seth Bailey (12) scrutinizes a completed spread with dedication. Spreads in the yearbook were always thoroughly examined before submission.



While working cheerfully on her spread, **Savannah Clapper (12)** corrects errors on her assigned article.



2011-2012 Reflector Staff. Front to back, (from left) Row 1: Joanna Struhmer (12), Savannah Clapper (12). Row 2: Bekah Mead (11), Seth Bailey (12), Joey Sun (12), Andrew Swanson (12), Tori Swanson (11), Adviser Becky Rittner, Emily Chen (11).

Adding Colors

A rocky road to theme

Most frustrating moments?

• The slow program!

-Savannah Clapper (12)

• When you procrastinate and suddenly you have two pages due on one day!

-Bekah Mead (11)

• When you go to Yearbook three days in February and you have four pages to do.

-Andrew Swanson (12)

State Qualifiers



2011 All-State Chorus qualifiers. Front to back, from left, Row 1: Jahn Landrigan (11), Levi Landrigan (12), Joey Sun (12), Sebastian Chang (12). Row 2: Katherine Welk (11), Zoe Flynn (10).



2011 State Cross Country qualifiers. From left: Hans Epp (10), Jahn Landrigan (11), Warren Dexter (9), Jeron Tiemeyer (9), Matt Kim (11), Neil Lin (11), and Coach Janet Landrigan.



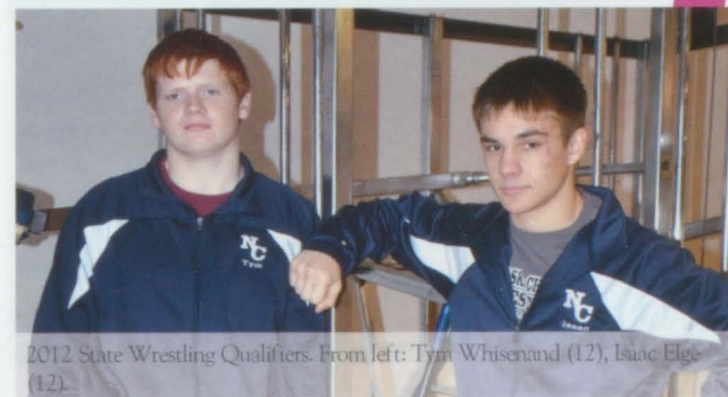
2012 State Speech qualifiers. From left: Beran Fisher (10), Jahn Landrigan (11), Levi Landrigan (12), Katherine Welk (11), Hannah Rogers (12), Joey Sun (12), Scott Smith (10).



2012 State Quiz Bowl qualifiers. Front to back, from left, Row 1: Mrs. Dee Flynn, Scott Smith (10), Kim Deichmann (11), Sophia Zhang (11). Row 2: Braden Moody (11), Tym Whisenand (12), Jahn Landrigan (11), Beran Fisher (10), Kevin Cheng (10), Jeff Hilderbrand (11), Levi Landrigan (12).



2012 State Track qualifiers. From left: Cailyn Ostrand (10), Hans Epp (10), Levi Landrigan (12), Jahn Landrigan (11), Kameron Kaelin (12), Warren Dexter (9). Not Pictured: Matt Kim (11).



2012 State Wrestling Qualifiers. From left: Tym Whisenand (12), Isaac Elge (12).

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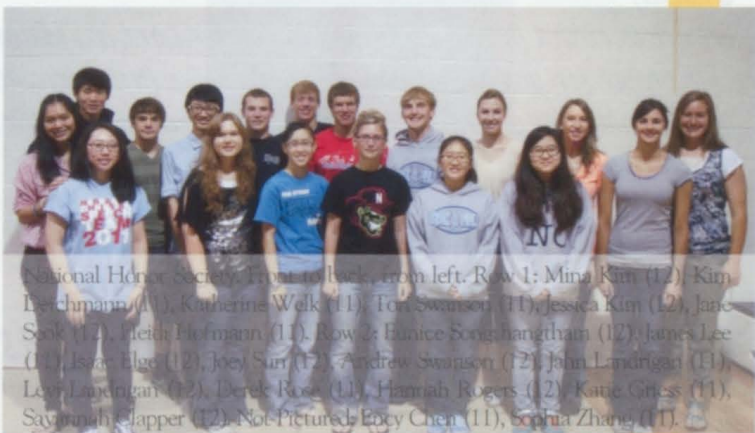
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Concert Choir. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Malia Rogers (9), Hannah Ritta (9), Brittany Ritta (9), Maddie Kirby (9), Jerron Tiemeyer (9), Adrian Epp (9), Myles Wheeler (9), April Faeh (10), Yena Yoo (11). Row 2: Meagen Dittmer (9), Tonye Fisher (10), Natalie Bui (10), Mia Dinh (11), Lindsey Ngo (11), Carrie Beck (11), Nala Squally Gomez (9), Matt Kim (11), Kevin Cheng (10), Hans Epp (10), Beran Fisher (10), Shanna Bailey (11), Katie Griess (11), Amber Mazankowski (9). Row 3: Hannah Myers (10), Whitney Twogood (10), Lydia Johnson (9), Victoria Boersen (10), Rachel McHargue (10), Scott Smith (10), James Lee (11), James Royle (11), Levi Elge (9), Anthony Faeh (11), Derek Rose (11), Zoe Flynn (10), Hannah Mead (9), Cailyn Ostrand (10), Heidi Hofmann (11). Row 4: Kim Deichmann (11), Katherine Welk (11), Taylor Swantek (9), Sophia Songthangtham (10), Michaela Church (10), Kyle Bui (11), Chase Kvols (10), Braden Moody (11), Curtis Heuermann (11), Jahn Landrigan (11), Tanner Cooper (11), Jacob Winsterman (11), Shawna Ritta (11), Bekah Mead (11), Chloe Bauer (11), Anna Kirby (11). Row 5: Savannah Clapper (12), Joey Sun (12), Seth Bailey (12), Sebastian Chang (12), Isaac Elge (12), Jay Han (12), Soonchan Jung (12), Wai Ng (12), Levi Landrigan (12), Hannah Rogers (12), Joanna Stuhmer (12), Jessica Kim (12), Jessica Davis (12), Eunice Songthangtham (12).

Concert Band. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Rubi McHargue (8), Malia Rogers (9), Victoria Boersen (10), Anna Kirby (11), Chloe Bauer (11), Kim Deichmann (11). Row 2: Dana Poppe (10), Brittany Ritta (9), Sophia Zhang (11), Yena Yoo (11), Mina Kim (12), Shawna Ritta (11), Rae Zhong (10), Meagen Dittmer (9), Seri Lee (8). Row 3: Cole Ruybalid (7), Sharina Boutin (8), Andrew Sack (9), Scott Smith (10), Emily Simmons (9), Myles Wheeler (9), CJ Ruybalid (9). Row 4: Marilla Flynn (7), Rachel Whittle (10), Beran Fisher (10), Anthony Faeh (11), Adrian Epp (9), Zoe Flynn (10), Maddie Kirby (9), Chase Kvols (10). Row 5: Jahn Landrigan (11), Matt Myers (8), James Royle (11), Juan Lasso (7), Levi Landrigan (12), Wai Ng (12), Whitney Heuermann (8), Ethan Unruh (9), Shyler Boutin (10), Turner Bowman (9). Row 6: Katherine Welk (11), Braden Moody (11), Jonny Smith (12), Tim Smith (10), Alexis Hower (8).



National Honor Society. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Mina Kim (12), Kim Deichmann (11), Katherine Welk (11), Tom Swanson (11), Jessica Kim (12), Jane Sook (12), Heidi Hofmann (11). Row 2: Eunice Songthangtham (12), James Lee (11), Isaac Elge (12), Joey Sun (12), Andrew Swanson (12), Jahn Landrigan (11), Levi Landrigan (12), Derek Rose (11), Hannah Rogers (12), Katie Griess (11), Savannah Clapper (12). Not Pictured: Emily Chen (11), Sophia Zhang (11).



New students. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Elaine Chen (10), Amanda Hilderbrand (9), Dan Davis (6). Row 2: Chris Hilderbrand (9), Andy La (11), Chihoon Lee (10). Not Pictured: Jessica Hilderbrand (6), Nathan Eagle Gomez (1), Adam Amisden (K).

Shelisa Lee,

We love you "Baby Girl." We are so thankful to God for Him giving you to us. Remember to: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths"... "Fear Not and Live By Faith!"

With all our Love,
Mom and Dad



Savannah,

We have felt it a great blessing to be your parents and thank God for sending you to us. You are a gift! Your life is also a gift to be returned to Him, as you are learning to do so beautifully. We are so very proud of you and pray you continue to seek Him in everything. We love you so much!

Mark 10:45 says, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

Love,
Mom and Dad



Jess,

We are so excited for the opportunities that the Lord has placed before you! Our prayer for you is that you would seek Him first before all else. Know that His plans for you far exceed anything you can imagine. We are so proud of you and love you very much!

Mom, Jordan, James and Haden

Jeremiah 29:11 "I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out - plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for."

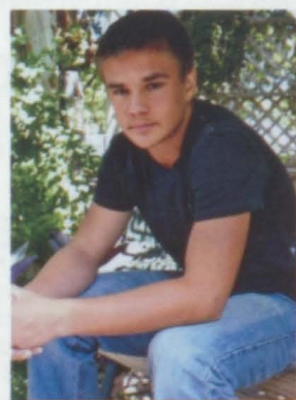


Isaac,

You have been prepared for
The next step,
You are Ready...
We promise to cover you
In prayer as you move forward,
And have the evidence of God's
Faithfulness as we look back.
You are ready... You are loved.

Psalm 144:1
Praise be to the Lord, my Rock,
Who trains my hands for war,
My fingers for battle.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Jaydon
Tyler, Meagan and Roman
Mike, Shelby and Sloane



Kameron,

It's been a joy to watch you grow as a young, Christian man. Through great determination, you've been a witness to us and many others by how you've handled adversity. As long as you keep Jesus first in your life and read God's Word every day without fail, you will continue to be an effective witness to those around you.

We love you!

Dad, Mom and Kensy

Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."



Jacob,

What a blessing to watch you grow to become a young man that honors the Lord. As you walk out into the world, we will pray for you to see God's plan for your life unfold.

"A wise son brings joy to a father and mother."

- Proverbs 10:1

Love,

Dad, Mom, Emily and Sarah



Joanna,

2 Corinthians 9:8 "God can bless you with everything you need, and you will always have more than enough to do all kinds of good things for others." (CEV)

Almost 19 years ago, the Lord surprised us with an extra special blessing- You! We are so grateful to Him for the wonderful daughter that you are. We trust that you will always keep Jesus first place in your life. We love you so very much!!

Mom & Dad

Travis, Kim, Grant & Chantz

Ryan, Sarah, Carleigh & Caylee

Tammy, Teagan & Tyla

Samuel



Andrew,

You are a blessing to us, and we are so thankful for the privilege of being your parents. We pray "that you being rooted and established in love, may have power together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

Ephesians 3:17b - 19

We love you,

Mom and Dad



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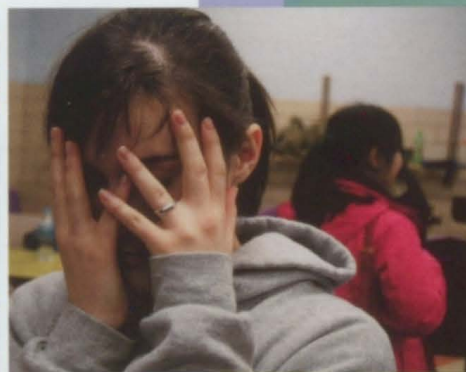
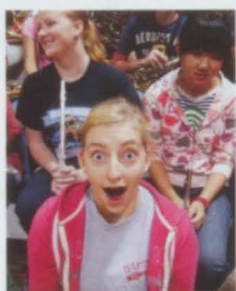
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Shouting and pointing in excitement, **Ichiro Hokazono (10)**, **Jay Han (12)**, and **Matt Kim (11)** react to a thunderous dunk at the Oklahoma City Thunder game. The dorm students thoroughly enjoyed the chance to get out of the dorm and experience the change of scenery in Oklahoma City.



Preparing to go to war with his opponent at state wrestling, **Tym Whisenand (12)** shakes hands in a show of sportsmanship. Although Whisenand was knocked out in the first round, he put forth a valiant effort that made his teammates and coaches proud.



Springing through the air gleefully, **Katherine Welk (11)** walks across campus to her next class. Although most classes took place in the new building, music, PE, and industrial technology classes were held in other areas of campus.

Life In Technicolor



Bennett Zaruba (5), Chase Gulleranson (6), and Adrian Longoria (5) watch as Ryan Dexter (5) tosses a squishy ball covered in paint at the canvas. Elementary art allowed the students a creative outlet through a variety of concepts.



Hannah Tweenen (8) delivers her 8th grade graduation speech. Each year, the graduates take time during the ceremony to thank their parents and teachers for the influence they have had on their lives.



Talking over what they've noticed at the museum in Minneapolis, Andrew Swanson (12), Kameron Kaelin (12), Jim Tao (12), and Levi Landrigan (12) take a much needed break. The seniors got to see other worldviews in depth on their senior trip.

If seasons were compatible with words, winter would most definitely not be compatible with Technicolor at all. While Technicolor stands for life and vibrance and color, winter stands for white and cold and death. In the 2011-2012 school year the students started off strong with energy and crazy exuberance for what the year would hold, but as the year went on and winter rolled around, the students enthusiasm dimmed just like the weather.

The beginning of winter usually marks the beginning of the long haul in the middle of the year for students. The whole campus just seems to slip into a gray cloud of gloom and heaviness and students mood seem to be pulled down with the weather. However, despite the heaviness and humdrum activities of the middle of the year, students persevered and did their best to keep positive attitudes through the weary days of winter.

In the end, the perseverance

shown by the students in the winter was paid off when spring rolled around and the mounds of snow were washed away by a sea of sunshine. Once again Technicolor swept across the campus in the beautiful shades of color in the grass, flowers, sky, earth, and also in the beautiful characters that occupied the campus during the day. The attitudes and actions of the students were what was truly beautiful. As idyllic as spring can be perhaps, nothing can be as picturesque as individuals personalities can be.

"A picture's worth a thousand words, but you cant see what those shades of gray keep covered, you should have seen it in color."

The 2011 school year started out enthusiastic and bright, and although it may have bogged down in the middle of the year, the students and staff finished strong in the true spirit of Technicolor.

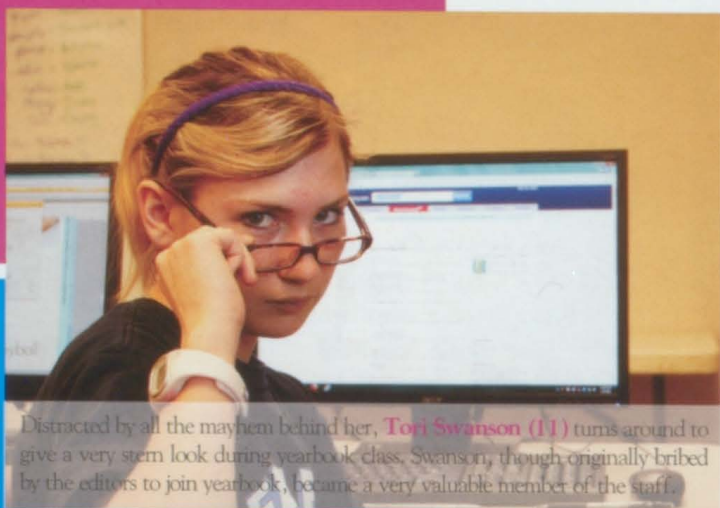
-Seth Bailey (12)

Colophon

Being true to the colors.



Enjoying a game of Ninja, **Seth Bailey (12)**, **Savannah Clapper (12)**, **Joanna Stuhmer (12)** and **Tori Swanson (11)** wait for others to first bust a move. The staff took advantage of a day their classroom was being used for testing by playing Ninja in **Mr. Clay Mankin's** room.



Distracted by all the mayhem behind her, **Tori Swanson (11)** turns around to give a very stern look during yearbook class. Swanson, though originally bribed by the editors to join yearbook, became a very valuable member of the staff.



Discussing possible ideas for the creation of the yearbook, **Bekah Mead (11)** proposes an idea that strikes up a laughter among herself and **Tori Swanson (11)**. At the beginning of the year, the staff is encouraged to throw out whatever ideas pop into their heads because they never know when they will come up with something that works.

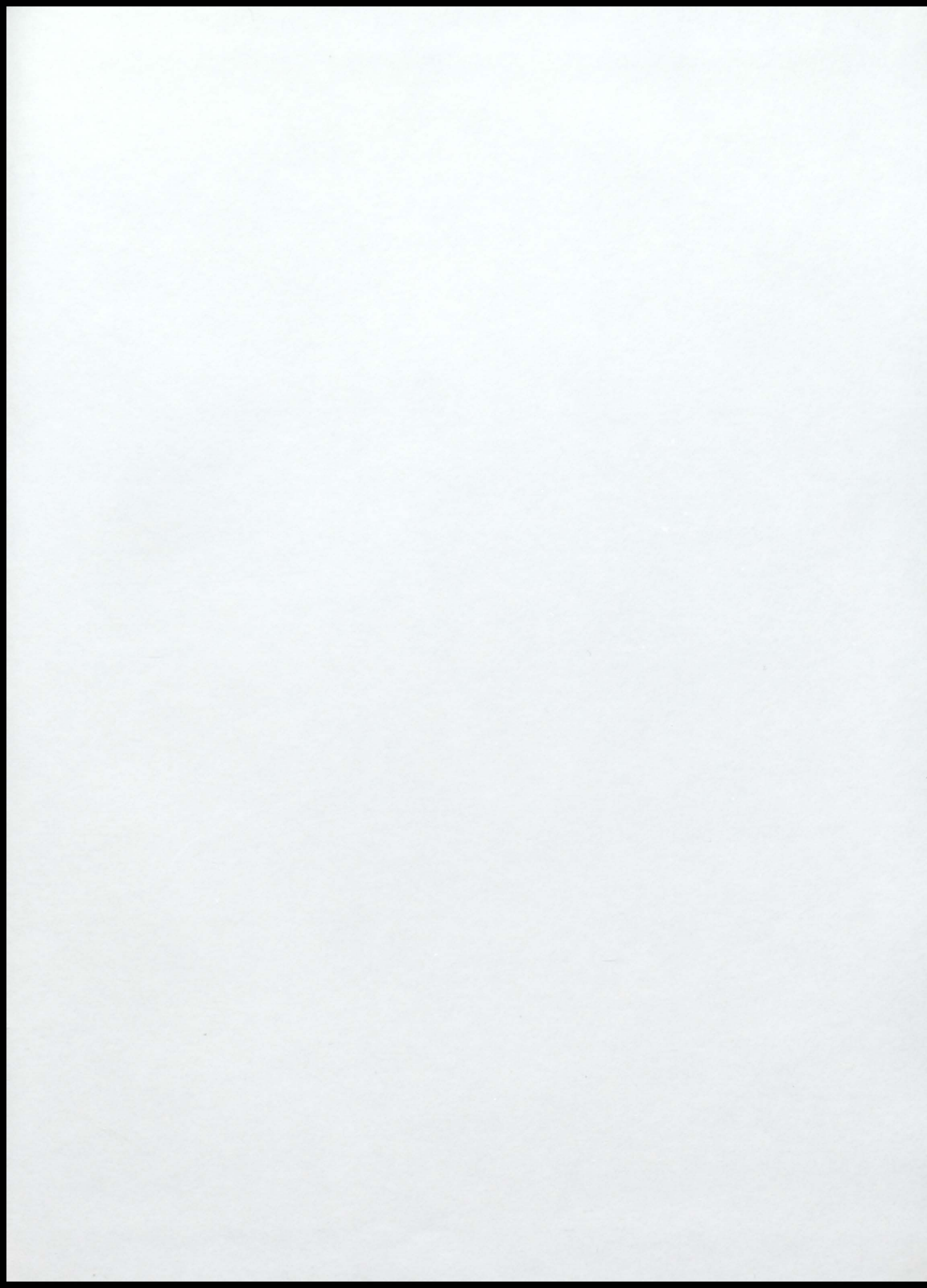
The Nebraska Christian *Reflector* is Now in Technicolor! For the first time in NC history, NC's own record of changes had been converted from black and white to color. What came along with the change in color was the two Co-Editor-in-Chiefs, Senior **Seth Bailey (12)** and **Joey Sun (12)**, sharing editing responsibilities. An entirely colored book not only gave the editors the theme, "Now in Technicolor," for the *Reflector*, but it also brought joy to the yearbook crew as new ideas sprang up, new designs came up, and new colors beautify up. This change also challenged the entire crew creatively as they looked into finding colors to represent the varying aspects of the school year. Though the interpretation of the chosen colors changed as the year went on, one concept remained constant throughout the making of the yearbook: being true to the colors. Green, purple, pink, blue, yellow, orange each represent People, Student Life, Activities, Sports, Ads, and Index. The reason behind the selection of colors was simple: **Green** is the color of revitalizing, and it fits perfectly with People as student body grew over the years; **Purple** is the color of royalty and nobility, and the students of Nebraska Christian strive to live a Christ-like life that is noble and royal to God; **Pink** is interpreted as the color of enthusiasm, and students who participate in activities are truly enthusiastic about what they do; **Blue**, the color of confidence, and also the school color, represents Sports accurately because of the confidence student athletes show as they go out and meet their opponents; **Yellow** traditionally symbolizes light, and Ads are just like yellow, illuminated for all to see; **Orange** is easily linked to fall and the change of seasons, which is great for the Index, as an index records the names of the students.

With all the colors picked out and a color-inspired theme in mind, supervised and aided by Adviser **Becky Ritta**, Layout Editor **Joey Sun (12)** crafted most of the layouts while Layout Manager **Joanna Stuhmer (12)** designed the Senior sections of the book. Both Editors and Adviser worked together with Walsworth graphic artist Keith McCoy to create the cover of the book. Though many great selections came up while making choices for the fonts, the crew settled on using **Palatino** to type the body of the book and **Maximo** for the titles and subheads. The colophon is typed in **Baskerville**. Head Photographer **Mina Kim (12)** did a tremendous job of providing great pictures for the book while **Ency Chen (11)**, **Bekah Mead (11)**, **Tori Swanson (11)**, **Savannah Clapper (12)** and Business Manager **Andrew Swanson (12)** contributed incredible work on finishing up the book. The Walsworth Publishing Company published the final yearbooks. The sales representatives were Greg Adams and Keith McCoy, and the service representative was Alicen Wright. As the 2011-2012 school year came to an end, the yearbook crew had gladly harvested the lesson of being true to the colors of this year, the colors of their own personalities, and the talents they had been given.

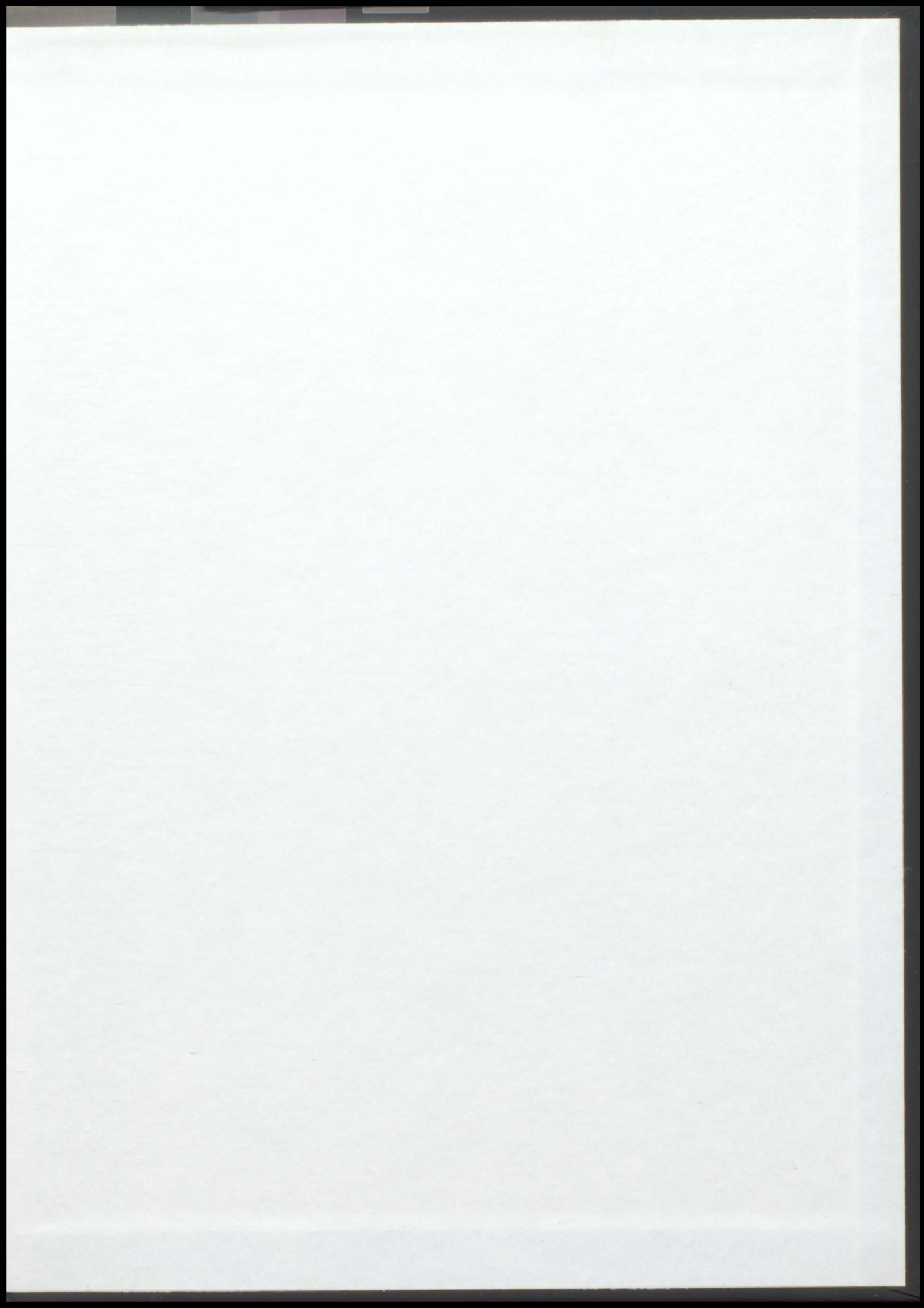
-**Joey Sun (12)**

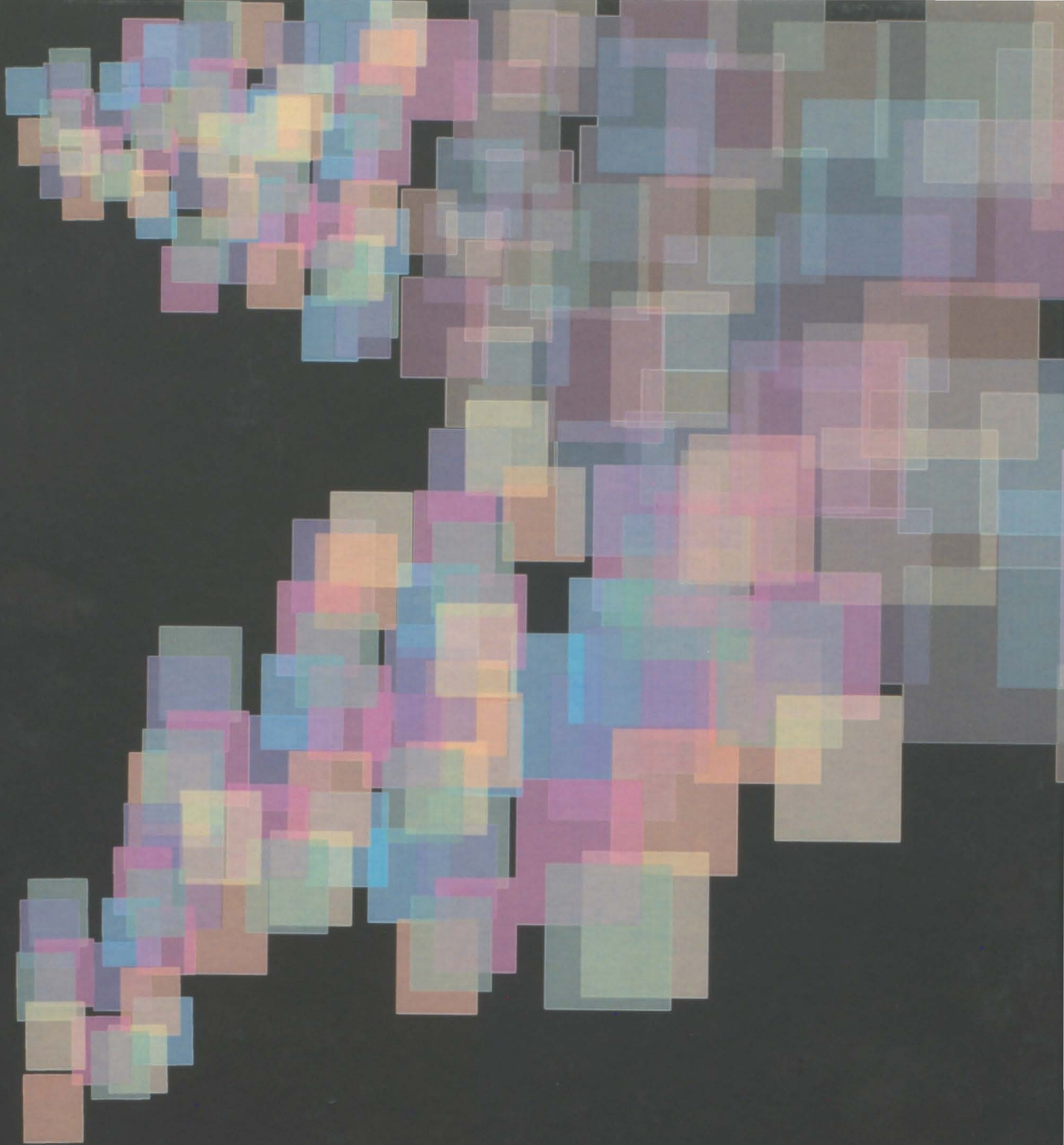












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